



Kindergarten News



November 1, 2017

Hello Kindergarten Families,

It's hard to believe, but it's November already! Thank you for all your kind words of welcome as Mrs. Mitchell returned to the classroom. I have enjoyed meeting our new students and families and seeing my old friends and their families again. I look forward to getting to know all my friends a little better. I know we are going to have an awesome year! However, we will miss Miss K very much and we wish her well in her next teaching assignment.

We have been so busy in room 30 that time is just flying by. We are hard at work in kindergarten learning through our play activities. We have begun to learn about patterns, numbers, letters and "popcorn" words (words that pop up frequently). We are learning the sounds that letters make by singing songs. So far, we have learned the letters/sounds S, A, T, I, P, N, C/K, E and H. We've also done some investigating with pumpkins to see what they look and feel like and how they grow from small seeds.

At school, students are learning to be self-sufficient. Here are some "self-help" skills that you can practice at home so that your child can do them independently at school:

- Cover his/her mouth when coughing or sneezing

- Fasten and unfasten buttons and snaps on clothes

- Pack and unpack his/her backpack independently

- Zip and unzip his/her lunch bag and backpack

- Put on a coat or sweater without help

- Fix the sleeves on a coat or sweater that are inside out

- Tie shoes (We strongly suggest **Velcro** shoes as an alternative for students who have not learned to tie shoes yet)

Remember to be patient and encouraging while practicing these skills.



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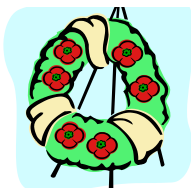
You will hopefully have noticed that your child received a report called a "Communication of Learning: Initial Observations" this week. These reports were prepared by Miss K and Mrs. Sciortino based on student progress in the first two months of school. We are very pleased with the progress all of our students have made already this year, and we hope you read these reports with pride. New this year, instead of parent observations in the classroom, parents receive this report and are invited to attend a parent-teacher interview on either Thursday evening (Nov. 2) or Friday morning (Nov.3). Please be sure to confirm your interview time.

This month, your child will also begin to bring home a home reading package. We encourage you to read the information in the package carefully and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We invite you to read regularly at home together to support your child's literacy development. Home reading books can be exchanged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by returning the package to school on those days. We also encourage you to continue reading and practicing the poems and popcorn song found in your child's poem book that comes home every Friday and is returned to school every Monday.

This month the weather is very changing. Please remember that we go outside for 30-40 minutes every day, so it's important that you check the weather for appropriate clothing before coming to school. We anticipate that cold weather coming soon, so prepare those hats and mittens!

Finally, you will find a calendar of events attached to this newsletter, including the star of the day. Remember that the star of the day may bring one item (not fragile or valuable) to show and share with the class. As always, if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.




























Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sciortino





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Lest We Forget.


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ☆ <i>Timmy</i> Dental Screening   Day 5	2 ☆ <i>Tyson</i> Parent Interviews  Day 1	3 P.A. Day No School Parent Interviews	4
5	6 ☆ <i>Natalie</i> Bus Safety Presentation   Day 2	7 ☆ <i>Jeremiah</i>  Day 3	8 ☆ <i>Isla</i> Scholastic Orders Home  Day 4	9 ☆ <i>Olivia</i>  Day 5	10 ☆ <i>Jordan</i> Remembrance Day Ceremony  	11
12	13 ☆ <i>Jenna</i> Macmillan Fundraiser Orders and Cash Due   Day 2	14 ☆ <i>Jayden</i>  Day 3	15 ☆ <i>Brooklyn</i> Scholastic Orders Due  Day 4	16 ☆ <i>Prince</i>  Day 5	17 ☆ <i>Jahniyah</i> Picture Retakes 9 a.m.  Day 1	18
19	20 ☆ <i>Nehaal</i>   Day 2	21 ☆ <i>Jesse</i>  Day 3	22 ☆ <i>Sarah</i>  Day 4	23 ☆ <i>Tiah</i>  Day 5	24 ☆ <i>Liam</i> PJ Day  Day 1	25
26	27 ☆ <i>Destiny</i>   Day 2	28 ☆ <i>Adrianna</i>  Day 3	29 ☆ <i>Colby</i>  Day 4	30 ☆ <i>Jahleel</i> Deadline for French Immersion Registration  Day 5	Dec 1 P.A. Day No School	

 = Art with Ms. Serra

 = Gym with Mrs. Grittani

 = Library with Ms. Serra

 = Reading Buddies with Mrs. Kiers class

 = Music with Ms. Serra