



October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ☆ Prince   Day 4	2 ☆ Jahnyah Pizza Orders Due  Day 5	3 ☆ Ivan Walk to School Day (Wear Yellow)  Day 1	4 ☆ Jesse Meet the Teacher 4-5:30 p.m.  Day  Day 2	5 ☆ Collin  Day 3	6
7	8 Thanksgiving (No School)	9 ☆ Tiah   Day 4	10 ☆ Lucas  Day 5	11 ☆ Liam  Day 1	12 ☆ Adrianna  Day 2	13
14	15 ☆ Amelia   Day 3	16 ☆ Jahleel  Day 4	17 ☆ Sirat Scholastic Order Due  Day 5	18 ☆ Sylvia Pizza Day    Day 1	19 ☆ Chloe Sports/Jersey Day  Day 2	20
21	22 ☆ Nash   Day 3	23 ☆ Aisha  Day 4	24 ☆ Waed  Day 5	25 ☆ Stella Picture Day! (9:00 a.m.)    Day 1	26 ☆ Elissa  Day 2	27
28	29 ☆ Darius   Day 3	30 ☆ Deirdre Initial Observation Reports Home Nov Pizza Orders Due 	31 ☆ Kalib  Day 5	☆ Mohammad Hallowe'en Parade & Party 	P.A. Day (No School) (Parent/Teacher Interviews)	



= The Arts with Ms. Serra



= Gym with Mr. B



= Library with Ms. Serra



= milk order



=Roots of Empathy



=R.O.E. with baby Owen



Kindergarten News



Hello Kindergarten families!

It is hard to believe, but October is here already. With Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en to look forward to this month, it is likely to speed through just as quickly! Please see the calendar of events on the back of this newsletter and note that there is no school on Monday, October 8 because of Thanksgiving. Please also note that the school has decided to celebrate Hallowe'en this year on Thursday, November 1 rather than October 31. More information about how we will celebrate will follow. Meet the teacher night is on October 4 and we look forward to seeing everyone and saying hello at the school barbeque!

As autumn continues, the weather is beginning to turn colder. Please check the weather every day and make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. We have outside time every day, so a sweater or jacket is likely needed. Don't forget to label it with a name! Any clothes that are unclaimed by students and are without a name end up in the lost and found.

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

- Cover his/her mouth when coughing or sneezing and wipe his/her nose with a tissue
- 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 for students who cannot yet tie shoes)

Remember to be patient and encouraging while practicing these skills. And while we know it can be time consuming and frustrating, it is important for children to practice these skills without adult intervention. Let them try it on their own. As they improve, they'll feel pride in mastering new skills!

This month we are also looking forward to beginning our Home Reading program. You will receive a package that includes a book and information on how the program runs in the near future. We ask you to read it carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

Finally, initial observation reports come home on October 30 and parent-teacher interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, November 1 and Friday November 2. A note will come home this month asking you to select a time that works for you. Please return it as soon as possible to receive your desired time slot. We look forward to spending more time with families this month!

Mrs. Mitchell & Mrs. Boccaccio