



Monthly Newsletter: November, 2021

What have the students been doing? What do they have to look forward to this month?

Math and Sensorial Skills

The students have been working on:

- Writing numerals using the proper formation
- 1 to 1 correspondence for 0-10
- Extensions for the sensorial materials
- Size discrimination vocabulary
- Using shapes to practice vocabulary and correct pencil grip

This month we will be introducing:

- Distinguishing between patterns and symmetry
- 1-to-1 correspondence for numerals 0-20
- 1-10 addition

Practical Life

The students have been working on:

- Harvest activities
- Practical life work involving tweezing, spooning, and pouring.

This month we will be introducing:

- Practical life exploration through multi-step activities
- Water pouring and transferring, dressing frames, and introduction to shoe lacing and tying.

Spanish

The students have been working on:

- Spanish greetings, parts of the body, numbers & colors

This month we will be introducing:

- Clothing vocabulary in Spanish (la ropa)
- Calendar/Seasons

Art

The students have been working on:

- Layering
- Copying from drawing booklets
- Watercolor paintings

This month we will be introducing

- Patterns and Symmetry
- Continuing with fluency of basic skills

Language

The students have been working on:

- Language development through phonetic sounds and concepts.
- Pencil grip and letter formation
- Kindergarteners have been keeping track of the number of school days with a timeline and calendar

This month we will be introducing:

- The mailbox will be introduced to foster writing as a form of communication
- Kindergarteners will continue progressing with sight words
- Rhyming words

Science and Geography

The students have been working on:

- Earth's layers, volcanos, fossils, dinosaurs.

This month we will be introducing:

- Continents, landforms, and seasons (fall/winter)
- The various rocks and minerals that make up the Earth's surface.

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We have chosen **Argentina and Vietnam** to study for this year's **Cultural Celebrations**. If you have any items such as postcards, artifacts, clothing, etc. you would like to lend us, please bring them in by the beginning of December. More information regarding our cultural celebrations will be provided in the December newsletter.

We would also like to let parents know that Becca will be collecting some of the students' art work for our **Annual Student Art Show** in the spring. Please remind your children not to take work from the blue tray or magnet board in the green room at the end of the day. Becca will be placing the students' work in their bins once she has had the opportunity to look through it and select the pieces she wants to save.

We will be **CLOSED** Monday through Friday, **November 22 – 26** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Reminders:

Class Start Time:

Please try to arrive at school on time. Entering a class during lessons can break the concentration of students and disrupt the calm start to our class period.

Morning class starts at 9:00am.

Thank you!

Winter Necessities:

With cold weather on its way, it is important for your child to have a **warm coat clearly labeled** with his or her name for recess.

When the snow arrives, **we ask that your child have the following items (clearly labeled) at school each day: warm waterproof gloves/mittens, a hat, boots, and snowsuit.**

We will only be venturing outside after lunch (12:00-1:00 p.m.) on snowy days.

We also request that parents bring in a bag (a reusable grocery tote works well) with all your child's winter items in it. This enables them to find their things easily and allows them to carry their items all at once when it is time to dress for recess.

Thank you!

Water Bottles:

We want to remind parents that we are asking for water bottles to stay at school for your child to use throughout the day and taking them home at the end of the week to wash.

Thank you!

Cook's Corner

Thank you for all the wonderful snacks! Having many options to diversify morning snack time is very helpful and the students love it. Keep them coming!