



Primary 2 Newsletter

October 7, 2011

Dear Primary Two Families,

Primary 2 children and teachers have been very busy and happy this past month reviewing, working, learning about each other, and having presentations on new and exciting works. We are now ready for you to come for a visit to work with your child. If you would like to come in, please call the office to schedule a time or drop us a note at least 24 hours in advance. This will allow us to let you know if there are any conflicts in our schedule that day. The children are excited about sharing their classroom and work with you!

Our Unit of Study for October and November – Native Americans
Peace Corner - Acceptance

Important Dates in October\November:

October 14	School Pictures
October 17	Blendon Woods Field Trip
October 28	International Children's Day (Classroom information will come home soon)
November 1	All Saints Day Mass
November 3	Curriculum Night 6 - 7:30

Curriculum

In this section of the newsletter, we will share with you the presentations the children have experienced or will be experiencing in the coming month. We hope that you can use this information to ask your child about his\her work or choose library books to complement classroom studies.

Language Arts

Spelling

First year spelling will come home on Wednesday, October 19. More information will be attached to the list.

Spelling units will begin 2nd and 3rd year children next week. Look for new words and homework to come home with your child every Wednesday. We encourage 15 – 20 minutes a day for homework.

Literature

We are reading books from a variety of authors at the moment. In October we will begin reading from a collection of North American folktales.

Reading

We call our reading groups in our classroom Book Clubs. This allows each child to read in a group that is appropriately challenging for his\her skill level.

Rainbow Library Books; Primary 2 Take- Home Library

Third year children began their Rainbow Library program this Friday. First and Second year children will begin the first week of November.

Grammar

First Year Children:

The Noun - a naming word. A great at-home activity would be to make label cards for the nouns your child can find around the house.

Second Year Children:

Review of nouns, articles, adjectives and verbs.
Began Noun Grammar Boxes
We will be working on Prepositions this month.

Third Year Children:

Review of nouns, articles, adjectives, verbs, preposition and adverbs.
Began Pronoun Grammar Boxes.
We will be working on Pronouns this month.

Handwriting

First Year Children:

Correct print letter formation
As the children learn and master print, they will begin lessons in cursive writing.

Second and Third Year Children:

Review of all cursive letters
Children are now doing independent work as necessary to write smoothly and make all letter corrections correctly.

Language Mechanics

All children to their ability:

Capitalization: names, specific places, days, months, beginning of sentences
Punctuation: period, question mark, exclamation point, comas, colon, hyphen

Writing

All children to their ability:

Creative Writing: We are exploring “why” people write and what qualifies as “interesting writing.” The fall season will be one topic we will be writing about this month.



Math and Geometry

First Year Children:

Concept of Addition

Golden Bead Material

Concept of Multiplication

Golden Bead Material

Concept of Subtraction

Golden Bead Material

Number Writing - worksheets

Reading Numbers- numerals and words

Sequencing Numbers

Numbers from 1 to 999

Memorization of Addition Facts

Addition Strip Board

Addition Full Chart

Story Problems – Finding information in a Picture

Geometric Cabinet 1

The six kinds of triangles - scalene, isosceles, equilateral, right, acute and obtuse

Geometric Cabinet 2

Rectangles

Second Year Children:

Exchanging Process of Addition, Multiplication, and Subtraction

Stamp Game and Small Bead Frame

Exchanging Process of Division

Stamp Game

Memorization of Addition, Multiplication, and Subtraction Facts

Various concrete materials and moving toward abstraction

Introduction to Geometry Nomenclature

Point, plane, surface and solid

Money Combinations

Penny, nickel and dime

Linear Measurement inches

Telling Time to the $\frac{1}{2}$ hour

Third year children:

Exchanging Process in the Four Mathematical Operations

Stamp Game, Small Bead Frame, and some abstract work by showing the exchanging process

Time $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ hour

Measurement to the $\frac{1}{2}$ “

Geometry Nomenclature

Review of lines, angles, polygons and triangles

Cultural Subjects
Living Sciences

First year children:

Parts of the Plant
Parts of the Root
Plants and Animals in the fall
Vertebrate and Invertebrate
Parts of a Fish

Second year children:

Plant and Animal Characteristics
Vertebrate Classification - using nomenclature and research
Leaf Cabinet 1 and 2

Third year children:

Plants and Animals in the fall
The Five Kingdoms of Life – fine-tuning our research skills

Geography and History

All children will be hearing the Creation Stories and experience some of the History Experiments. The first year children will have lessons and follow-up work that help them establish a sense of the concept of time. They will study the passage of a day, days of the week, and months of the year. They will learn about the calendar and how all the calendar months join together to form a year.

First year children:

Pledge of Allegiance
Parts of the Flag
U.S. Flag
World Map
Oceans of the World
North America

The second and third year children will be reviewing the concept of time (parts of the calendar and parts of the year.) Also 2nd and 3rd year children will be doing a continent study of North America.

Second year children:

Cosmic Address
Solar System
State Studies

Third year children:

Wants vs. Needs
Fundamental Needs of Humans
Parts of the River

We appreciate your time in reading this newsletter. It has been a lot of information, as we are very busy reviewing and learning new things in this first month of school. We hope that you find this information helpful in making a connection between home and school. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Jennifer

P.S. Please continue to check Homework Online” Primary 2 for homework, weekly plans and other information.

