



Kindergarten Cuties

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Parent Newsletter – October 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Reading

This month we will be reading the stories, *Are You My Mother?*, by P.D. Eastman, *Come Along Daisy*, by Jane Simmons, *A House for Hermit Crab*, by Eric Carle and *Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert McCloskey.

Readers will understand that asking questions enables a reader to gain information from a text. Readers will explore main characters and setting, retelling, problem and solution, and character feelings in each story. We will also be studying the big idea of animal homes and living together.

Writing

We will be working on the common core writing standards, "I can retell a story" and "I can add details to my writing by using pictures and words by labeling our pictures". When doing writing homework with your child, encourage them to listen for the first sound in a word and match the letter to the sound. This is the first step in labeling a picture. Practice reading and writing sight words with your child. These words are important tools for the beginning reader.

Math

We will be working on Chapter 2. This chapter compares numbers to 5. Important vocabulary words in this chapter are compare, greater, less and same number.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn proper singing skills, pitch matching work, beat competency work, learn 4 new songs with motions, and learn proper use/play of rhythm instruments.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of October, students begin with learning to draw and paint their self-portrait.

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/8 - Columbus Day - No School

10/9 - Parents as Partners - "Math Tools & Tapping Out Words", 2:30pm - 3:00pm. Sign in at the B Main.

10/11 - Trip to Blossom Time Florist for pumpkin picking.

*Be sure to send in trip money, \$10 per student, and permission slips as soon as possible.

10/17 - PTA Meet & Greet (Adults only), 7:00pm

10/26 - Science Lessons with Dr. Ortiz

10/28 - PTA hosts Trunk or Treat

10/31 - Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please.

*In October we will be making applesauce in the classroom. We will advise you of the date and when to send in an apple with your child on the Homework sheet.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Be sure to check your child's homework folder every night and take out papers and notices on the keep home side.
- We do allow the children to have a healthy snack and a juice box. Please try to keep the snack peanut free.

PTA News

-Pretzel sales! The first Friday of the month we will have a pretzel sale outside of the cafeteria. Students wishing to purchase a pretzel should bring \$1.00 with them to lunch. It has been suggested to put an envelope with student's name, date and marked "pretzel money" to be placed either in their lunch box or if the teacher could remind the student to bring it with them to lunch.

-Movie night save the date Friday, 10/5 at 7pm in the Quad. Premiering the Emoji Movie. Children will receive an emoji bracelet, popcorn, and drink with a donation of \$5 per person.

-Halloween "Trunk or Treat" will be in our Quad with lots of candy treats and fun games/activities and bouncy house. More information will be given out as date approaches. Save the date for Sunday, 10/28.

-Chocolate bar sales will be starting soon! More information to follow.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

We are off to a great start and I am super excited to begin this next month of school. We will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes on October 31st at 9:45am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our track. We ask that you refrain from dressing the students in costumes with masks and please do not send props into school. March of Dimes envelopes will be sent home this week and can be returned with donations on the day of the Wonder Walk. Parents are welcome to view our costume parade on the field (weather permitting). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

