



READINESS NEWSLETTER

We've been having lots of fun in the Readiness classroom these first three weeks of school! The children have made new friends and are playing with old friends, and everyone seems to be getting along great! We are learning new songs, reading lots of books and learning fun games...they really love to have fun together! We are also learning sign language. Ask your child about the letters and words we've learned!

The first week we spent getting to know each other and learning about the beach and what we like to do there. It was fun learning what every one did during their summer vacation. We also did some assessments to figure out where are children were with pencil grip, fine motor, letter and number recognition and gross motor. It helps to have a baseline so we can see all the changes your child will make between now and November conferences!

During the second week, we focused on "All About Me." With this theme, we created a book that included our favorite things, a fingerprint page, measurements page, handprint page and a self-portrait. With the measurements, we'll do them again at the end of the school year so we can see how much we've all grown! We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's book. With our All About Me theme, the kids really had some great ways that they are alike and different.

"A" week also brought us our first letter of the week. Every week, we will do the same activities. On Monday, we'll do our color page, write the letter at circle on white boards and then write the letter on the worksheet that they can take home (sometimes this spills over to Tuesday or Wednesday). On Tuesday, we do our letter's words at circle. We read our letter book first and everyone was able to remember an A word from the book. We expect everyone to have at least one word to share. Later in the week, we draw our picture for the letter of the week book.

This week was B week with our theme colors and shapes. Our board was full of "B" words on Tuesday and they continued to think of them as the week progressed. We made our own pair of binoculars, and we will be going on a shape hunt (we will also use them next week for Camping Day). We made a poem book about shapes and did a baseline shape worksheet where they identified shapes, traced them and then drew their own. Has your child sung you our color song (to the tune of One Fine Morning)? It really gets in your head so be prepared!

Be sure to check out the attached calendar for October Activities. Next week we will be busy with the letter C and Camping!

We are loving this weather so please remember that we are going outside every day (as long as there is no active precipitation).

Lunch bunch has been a popular choice for many of our friends in the classroom. Please remember to use the signup genius to register. Pick up for Lunch bunch is on the playground unless it is raining, when we will dismiss from the school.

Here's a look at what's happening in October:

Week of September 30 - C week / Camping

Tuesday, October 1 - Traveling Seeds in house fieldtrip. Longwood Gardens will be visiting us and we are looking forward to blending it with planting seeds in our garden.

Thursday, October 3 - Camping day! We will have lots of fun pretending we are on a camping trip where we will sing campfire songs, enjoy mini hot dogs on a stick and s'mores! It's always a fun day! The teachers will be camping out overnight so hopefully we remember to wake up before you all get there! If you're there early, please be sure to make sure we are up and ready for the day!

Friday, October 4th - Scholastic Book Orders due

Week of October 7 - Letter D week / Apples - An apple a day, keeps the doctor away! We will have our own animal doctor clinic set up toward the end of the week! Band-aids galore!!! We will taste different apples and will attempt to make an apple treat and do some apple science too!

Monday, October 7 - Mrs. Coulter out/Mrs. Krukiel will be subbing.

Tuesday, October 8 - Bring your favorite apple to school!

Friday, October 11 - Original Art will be sent home. If you want to order something, just return the original art along with order form and payment. If you don't, you can keep the original art.

Friday, October 11 - Concordia's Trunk or Treat! See flyer posted in our facebook group for more details.

Week of October 14 - Letter E / Pumpkins

Monday, October 14 - No school - fall break

Week of October 21 - Letter F / Pumpkins/Halloween

Tuesday, October 22 - Last day to submit Original Art orders

Wednesday, October 23 - Field trip to Ramsey's Farm to pick pumpkins! Parents will drop off children by 9:00am and pick up at 11:15am at Ramsey's Pumpkin patch. Permission slips will come home soon. Children will participate in corn mazes, hayride, pumpkin picking, and playground fun. Cost per child will be \$11. More details to come.

Week of October 30 - Letter G

Wednesday, October 30 - we will have our Halloween parade at 9:15am! Children will arrive in costume and then will change into their school clothes after the parade. All are welcome to the parade!

Thursday, October 31 - we will have our Halloween party. I will create a signup genius for the party snacks needed and send it out soon.

Friday, November 1 - No school

Thanks!

Susan & Sandy