

October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a great first month! Everyone is now settled into a routine. We are enjoying teaching your precious little ones. See school newsletter for school information regarding conferences, other activities and dates. Below are items specific to our class.

1. Snack- due to allergies – everyone is bringing their own snack. Remember absolutely no peanut products.
2. Homework- every night – read for twenty minutes – can be at bedtime or other time of the day. This can be broken up into smaller amounts of times. Important thing is to make it fun and enjoyable for you and your child. A time you and your child look forward to. This is the first step in learning to read. We will be participating in the Book-it program. Look for information to come home.
3. Therapists:
Speech – Mrs. Amy Palazzo– Monday morning class and both morning and afternoon classes on Wed, Thurs, and Fri. Mrs. Lori Record - Monday afternoon
Occupational Therapist – Mrs. Julie Sawyers – Monday morning
Mrs. Laura Forman – Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon
Physical Therapist – Mrs. Donna Harrigan - Wednesday
Vision Specialist – Mrs. Pat Esposito – Thursday
Your child's IEP states which type of therapist they will work with. For example a vision specialist will only work with students whom have vision goals and objectives on their IEP.
4. Word Rings – Your child will be bringing home a word ring. Please practice it with your child and have your child bring it to school on Mondays. The stamp/sticker or initial on the back means that he/she read the item or answered the question.
5. The topics below will be used to instruct your child on his/her IEP goals and objectives.
 - Nursery rhyme for October is Pat a Cake (our speech and language pathologist selects the rhyme based on sounds she would like to focus on).
 - Fire and bus safety, leaves, pumpkins and spidersTake a fall walk and name the colors of the leaves on the trees, count how many leaves you collect – who collected more leaves, are the leaves big or small?

Calendar- See school calendar in newsletter for dates. The following are specific to our classroom. Mondays - bring word ring

October 28 – we will finger-paint – wear old clothes

October 29 and Nov. 9 – early dismissal days – no early childhood special education class

Fine motor activities – take advantage of fall weather and have fun drawing with sidewalk chalk outside.

If you ever have any comments or questions - please feel free to call me at 410-795-6701 12:00-12:30 - Monday - Friday}. You can always write a note in your child's notebook.

Thank-you,

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