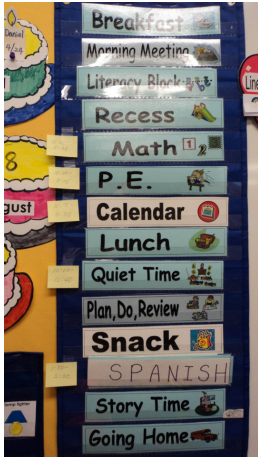




VPI Newsletter



Week of October 3, 2016



Daily School Routine

Many children can now use our schedule cards to predict what will happen during their day at school. They are interpreting the icons and words of the schedule cards, combining that information with what they know about our school routine. Together, the icon, written words and context allow our children to give meaning to print. Is this reading? Well, not like adults read. But, it is an important step toward reading and it makes kids feel powerful about print. Your child can do this at home and even in the car by "reading" labels and signs.

Math Tip

Here are some tips to help your child develop math concepts. Math activities for preschoolers are everywhere: They count stairs as they go up or down, help you measure ingredients as you cook, classify their toys into groups, set the table with exactly one of each item for each person, and notice the shapes of boxes and cans at the store. The most powerful math activities for preschoolers are often "hidden" inside children's play. For example, children classify objects (stacking blocks by shape or sorting them by color); measure things ("This cloth isn't big enough to cover the table"); count just about anything (coins, candy, people, toys, and so on); transform objects (stretching dough and making a flat circular shape); recognize patterns and shapes (building a symmetrical structure by putting a single two unit block over two one unit blocks).

Fall Expeditionary Learning: We are Here - Community

The fall Expedition will launch soon. The students will start to look around the Campbell school to find out what/who is here. They will expand to our broader community. The OWL unit 1 about Family is wrapping up, so it is good for the students to extend their learning to other worlds. We plan the field trips, **a walking field trip, Monday, October 24th, around our neighborhood.** The students will take the opportunity to walk through the neighborhood around Campbell school. They will observe nature and the buildings around us and people doing different things in our neighborhood. The following field trip in November will be going to the Westover shopping mall. In October we will go to the Frying Pan Farm on October 12th. These are authentic experiences to expand the knowledge of a wider community. Through these depth of experiences, they will learn that there are many different places and people working together to make our community. The showcase will be held on December 7th. Further information will be provided soon. **Field Trip to the farm Chaperones Welcome!!!**



Frying Pan Farm Wednesday, October 12nd 9:30-1:30

The students will go by school bus to the farm to see how the farm animals are taken care of, go on a hay ride and learn how people and animals depend on each other in this rural community. The chaperons should arrive at school before 9:25.

Westover Community Thursday, November 3rd 9:30-1:00

The students will take a walk through a community to meet shop keepers, restauranters, bankers, librarians, mail carriers, barbers, pharmacists and

people from all over the world.



Pre-K Fall Festival 10/15/2016 (Sat.) 11:00am - 1:00pm

Come and enjoy the Pre-K Fall Festival at Alcovia Heights Park, 901 S George Mason Dr, Arlington, VA 22204. There are fun activities, petting zoo, magic show, gigantic bubbles, scarecrow making, Wolftrap singer, STEM pumpkin activity, apple table, pumpkin patch, and etc.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 5th Bike and Walk to School Day

Oct. 6th & 7th full day P-T conferences, No school

Oct. 10th No school, Columbus Day

Oct. 15th Prek Picnic

Oct. 26th Early Release Teacher Professional Learning Day. We dismiss students at 12:20.

Oct. 28th Socktober(Spirit Day) Students wear funny looking socks.

Preschool Team