

Ross University School
of Veterinary Medicine

Preparatory School



October 2017

Newsletter



Daycare/Preschool

For the month of October, we would like welcome our Dominican friends. We have also been enjoying time in the Art room, making art for Halloween. We also would like to thank Ms. Cara and Ms. Sli for allowing us to join their spanish classes. We also would like to thank Ms. Sam for reading to us during library time. We would like to send a shout out to Zamari for doing so well on the potty. We continue to teach independence, self help skills, and appropriate social interactions.



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Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten

During the month of October, the PreK and K classes have been exploring lots.

The PreK's learnt that everyone has a family. Our family is the group of people who live with us and care for us daily. These families come in different sizes, and everyone in their family plays an important role. Family also care for one another and has lots of fun together.

PreK also had lots of fun in Math, through sorting items based on their shapes, sizes and colors (characteristics), as well as, identifying and naming zero, one, two, three and four.

The Kindergarteners learnt to read simple sentences in their readers and were even able to sound letters out to decode words. Hurrah!!! They are truly on their way to being fantastic readers. Oh, before I forget, a huge "Thank You Parents", for reading to your bunnies at nights as well as volunteering to come in and read to us. There's still lots of opportunities for all parents to get involved.

K has also been identifying, reading, writing and comparing numbers 0 to 10 as well as various ways to make them. They are also able to define the following terms: less, greater and equal.

As for Science and Social Studies, we've learnt the importance of sharing, safety at home, our five senses, brushing our teeth and washing up our hand. With all these skills, life should be a little easier at home.

First and Second Grades

We have been making incredible progress in Grade 1 and 2! Since the beginning of the year, we have been engaged in a variety of activities that enhance our programs. Our lemonade stand was a huge success, we enjoyed a visit to Bronte Welsh, and we handed out bookmarks and coloring sheets for International Day of Peace. We have begun going to the beach for our snack on Fridays, and we really enjoy the change of scenery and fresh air.

In Language Arts, we recently launched Writer's Workshop! Students love this program and look forward to each Wednesday morning! We are beginning with Procedural Writing, and students are exploring how to write step-by-step instructions to complete a task. We had so much fun discovering how to blow a bubble with bubble gum! The real life experience gave the kids great context for writing, and we made a cute craft to publish our writing.

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First and Second Grades (Continued)

In Grade 1 Math, we have been working on solving addition and subtraction problems. We'll be beginning Topic 2: Fluently Add and Subtract Within 10 after our Assessment. In Grade 2 Math, we're finishing up adding and subtracting within 10, and we'll be moving on to our second Topic, Add Within 100 Using Strategies.

Third and Fourth Grades

I am back with an update of what's going on in the 3/ 4 class. October seems to have been such a busy month as we are doing a lot of catch up from missing those days in September. We have had quite a few activities so far, including Spirit week which had a very high participation rate and where we did our much anticipated photo shoot. My kids rocked their shoot!! I will be sending that link home but in the meantime check out the pics on the school's website. October was also the month for our famous Halloween Trunk or Treat which the students seemed to really enjoy.

Academically, we are moving along at a nice clip. Multiplication is all the rage around here so make sure your child is keeping up with his or her multiplication facts. Grade 3 should be learning the 6's and 7's and Grade 4 9's and 12's facts. In science we are all about the organisms and the cells. Don't forgot that Science Cell projects are due on Nov9th. Lets make them creative and fun. Get ready for us to begin our novel study. This will be coming home around the end of November. Stay Safe.

Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades (Middle School 5-8)

Middle School:

The 5/6 class completed a unit on Ancient Rome. During our studies made mosaics, scroll poems, and wrist guards. We also had fun day making books while wearing togas and eating some Roman food. Thanks to Ms. Neeta for providing the feast! In Language Arts, we have started our first essay based on The Ancient Ocean Blues. We will continue to explore the Parts of Speech and vocabulary skills. Next, we will focus on the geography of Europe, the Vikings, and the Middle Ages. Our literary selections will be excerpts from Beowulf, Norse Mythology, Arthurian Legend, and The Adventures of Robin Hood.

The 7/8 class has been studying world events leading up to World War I. Students research famous reformers from the Progressive Era and focused on the "robber barons" in The United States. After exploring WWI, students will investigate the crash of world financial markets leading to the Great Depression in the United States. Students completed an analysis of Animal Farm. The next literary selections will be To Kill a Mockingbird and Of Mice and Men. Also in Language Arts, students will continue to review the Parts of Speech, vocabulary skills, and essay format.

Upcoming Events:

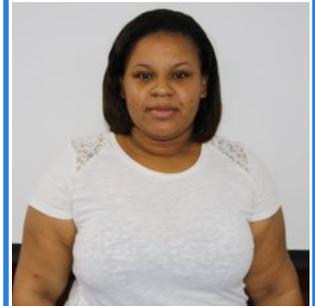
November 23
Thanksgiving
(Family Lunch Celebration)

November 24
End of First Trimester

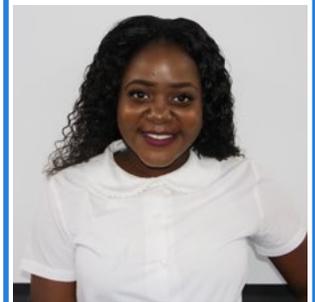
December 8
Holidays Around the
World

December 14
Holiday Celebrations/
Last Day before Winter
Break

New After-School Team Members



Ms. Diritza



Ms. Tadwayna

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