

Ross University School
of Veterinary Medicine

Preparatory School



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Newsletter



Daycare/Preschool

For the month of September we have experienced a lot of extreme weather. As a result we are unable to play on the field. The teachers and I have decided to change our schedule around in order to allow the children some outside time. We were able to play on the court. We played with balls, bikes, raced and played with other toys in the shed.

We have been discussing storms, hurricanes, rain and different types of weather in the classroom. They have been interested in the topic and have come to school telling stories of what they experienced. One student shared one story about the wind blowing away her bottle.

They have also shown interest in dogs and have been requesting the teachers to read books about dogs to them and talking about the dogs they know.



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Preschool 2

Preschool 2 would like to give a special welcome to Bonnie, Patrick, Deacon and Tobias. I look forward to teaching you and learning from you. In Preschool 2 we are respectful, we are kind, we take every opportunity to learn and most importantly we have fun. So far, we have enjoyed creating classroom rules, getting to know each other and exploring our new space. We have been exercising our character trait for the month “Kindness” through sharing hugs, compliments and helping our peers in need. Preschool 2 and Daycare have come together to form the “A Smile a Day” sticker program where the children get involved in distributing stickers to students and faculty just to make them smile.

Preschool 2 would like to welcome you to get involved in creating fun education experiences with us, whether it be reading stories, sharing pictures of your previous travel experiences we welcome you come on in and share them with us.

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten

This was quite an interesting month and we are so happy that everyone is safe from the storms. We are glad to be back having fun...and learn too. During the first few weeks some of us miss home and had a case of the ‘back-to-school blues.’ But I am amazed at the progress each child has made as they transition into the full and rigorous days of school.

Thus far, PreK has been familiarizing themselves with their letters and numbers, while learning about themselves and what makes each of them so very special. Our Kindergarteners were excited as we have learned to read simple words such as I, am, pig and cat. Some math concepts that we have explored are: amount to represent numbers and showing that numbers can be represented differently.

Both classes have gained a healthy appreciation for giving back, as the school continues to make efforts to provide relief for those in need. International Day of Peace was a success! Our lovely kiddies made and decorated some peace sign bookmarks which they then distributed on campus. We are looking forward to the year ahead, we can’t wait for all the exciting experiences and events to take place during this school year.

First and Second Grades

We are off to a beautiful beginning in Grade 1 and 2! Each morning, children begin their day by writing in their 'Gratitude Journal' and have the opportunity to share their writing with their classmates. It's a really lovely and positive way to start our day. We discussed how we are grateful that we have everything we need, and how we want to help our neighboring islands who were impacted by the hurricane. We have decided to make a lemonade stand to raise money for those affected by the hurricanes. This will give us an opportunity to give back and practice real life math skills in school! We are learning about money and practicing how to give correct change to customers through role play. We'll also be making the lemonade ourselves and learning how to measure ingredients properly.

In Language Arts, we are practicing learning behaviors for the Daily 5 program, and diving into our Reading Street program with our first story! In Math, we are using lots of manipulative to help us learn strategies to add and subtract. Grade 1 students working on solving addition and subtraction problems to 10. Grade 2 students are working on fluently adding and subtracting within 20.

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Third and Fourth Grades

Hope everyone is safe and we are all settled after the weather disturbances we had. In class we are settling in and getting focused on our academics. We have been working on our class rules and procedures and how we would like our class to be guided and that seems to be going along well for the most part. There are still some hurdles but we expect to overcome them in the following weeks. Both grades have received Math and Language Arts workbooks and are expected to have them in class everyday.

Math - 3rd graders have started learning the skill of multiplication and the relationship between addition and multiplication while 4th graders have been working on writing numbers in various formats. In Social Studies we have learned the location of the continents and oceans that make up our world and in the coming weeks we will be taking our time to learn about each continent. Both grades have received spelling words for the first unit in his/her LA workbook.

Looking forward to a great learning year.

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

Middle School:

We are so excited to welcome our students and we have jumped right into academics after a slow start to the school year. I'm happy that we will continue to use enVisionMath as our math program. We will be using a combination of workbook pages, online videos and interactive white board lessons to complete the various topics. Students may also be assigned homework from the online component of the program, as well as IXL. In science, we are starting with a unit called, "Sound and Light" and have been learning about the characteristics of waves, sound and the electromagnetic spectrum. We are using our textbook, Brainpop videos/quizzes and videos from Bill Nye the Science Guy, to supplement our learning. We also celebrated International Day of Peace, last Friday, students made peace bookmarks to hand out to vet students on campus.

Despite our delayed start, the 5/6 class has been busy studying Ancient Rome. We have many projects planned. Once we complete the unit, be sure to review the books made by each student. We are also reading The Ancient Ocean Blues which takes place in Ancient Rome and mentions many famous historical figures. In Language Arts, we will focus on the Parts of Speech. Level 6 continues with vocabulary study while level 5 completes the spelling review unit.

The 7/8 class is super excited about our new classroom space! In Social Studies, we have started a unit on Industrialization and Immigration in the United States. We are reading and analyzing Animal Farm. Students will read and respond to questions independently. We will then discuss each chapter in class. Students are also reviewing the Parts of Speech and focusing on vocabulary skills.

Upcoming Events:

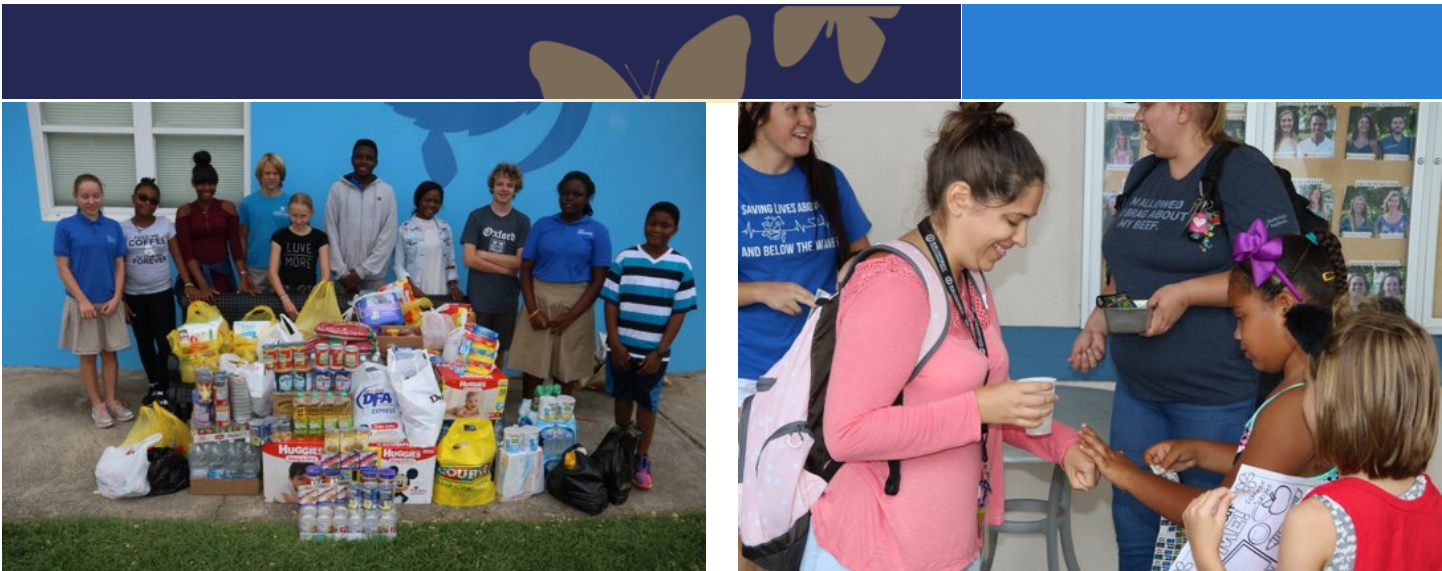
October 9 - 13
Sprit Week

October 23
Mid-Semester Break
(No - School)

October 31
Halloween Parade
(In School)

Trunk-or-Treat
(5-6pm)

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