

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Hello Families,

Last week we began our new Trojan POWER activity. Each classroom now has a poster of mystery squares. We have used secret code markers to put stars and the word POWER on some of the squares. This year, instead of having the children earn power stars, they will work as a class to color in the entire poster and uncover the mystery stars and the word POWER. When the students are caught showing Trojan POWER (pride, organization, winning attitude, effort, and respect) above the ordinary, they will be given the privilege to color in a square. If the square they choose has a star on it, then the entire class earns a surprise. Last week the students uncovered 2 stars and earned an extra 10 minutes of recess and the right to chew gum responsibly in class, which I brought in for the students. When the students uncover the word POWER, they will earn 20 minutes of Mrs. Water's time, and she will play games with them. When the class colors in the entire poster, they will all receive a POWER bar! The students are very excited about the new idea and are working hard as a class to color in squares.

Please remember that we will be visiting the Medicare on Friday, October 28th. We would like the kindergarten children to come in costume on that day. If you are unable to get a costume please let me know and I will find one for you. If you want to see your child perform at the Medicare please meet us there at 1:30. Our Halloween party will be on Monday, Oct. 31st at 2:00. Since we will be wearing our costumes on Friday, we will not wear them for our party, we will be face painting instead. Parents are welcome to come to our party also, just let me know if you plan on coming. Thank You ~ Mrs. Giuliani



Centers

Child of the Day

- Tuesday - Dylan
- Wed. - Matthew
- Thursday - Lauren
- Friday - Justin
- Monday - Kaylee



The Reading Connection

This week we will be focusing on the letter B and meet our new Alphafriend Benny Bear. As part of our reading curriculum, we work on comprehension skills daily so please remember that if you are reading to your child, ask several questions about the story when it is over to be sure your child understands what is being read. We have another new high-frequency word this week; it is the word "like." We now have four "memory" words that the children should know; "I, see, my, and like." Please review these words as well as the names and sounds of the letters each evening. We will be adding more and more words so it is important that the children get a solid foundation right from the beginning. All month we will be playing the "Pat, Pat, Clap Game" where your child will pat their knees and then clap their hands, in a pat, pat, clap rhythm for onset and rimes. It goes like this: Listen to my word, "big;" Here are the sounds: /b/, /ig/, big. Now pat, pat, clap like this: /b/, /ig/, big. Listen to another one: "fig"; /f/, /ig/, fig. Have your child demonstrate this for you and then you can add other words to the list. This is great practice for decoding words in reading and listening for the sounds in words. Thanks for your help and remember to read. read. read!

Math Message

This week in math we will be taking the first test which covers unit 1. It will be a good indicator of how the students are progressing in math. There are children who are missing many homework assignments. Please show your child that school is important by helping them with their homework and ensuring that they turn it in everyday with their name on it. I will be rewarding students who turn in 10 homework assignments by letting them pick out of the treasure chest. Some of the students will reach that goal today.

