Seek Knowledge and Friendship

EC1 Pre-Primary Newsletter

Term Four, 2019

Welcome back for Term Four! This term we are focussing on 'around the world' where we will learn about a new country each week.

Kiss at the door

The classroom doors open at **8.30am**. Please ensure your child arrives between **8.30-8:40am** as we use this time to settle into the classroom and practice previously learnt skills.

Kiss at the door has begun successfully and we encourage you to continue to say goodbye to your child at the door for the remainder of the term to foster greater independence and to prepare them for Year One next year.

Term 4 Reminders;

Tuesdays – Edu – dance lessons

Wednesdays – Library

Thursday – Kidz n Sport

Oral Language News Telling Program

The News bags will be sent home again shortly. This term your child will not have an assigned day. Please complete the writing description with your child and return the bag with the writing book the next day.

Curriculum Focuses… MATHEMATICS

We are continuing to work on numbers to 20 and beyond and will soon be learning about subtraction. This term we will also be learning about position and location, mass, capacity, money as well as revising previously learnt maths concepts.

You can continue to help your child at home by revising the concepts of:

Time: Days of the week – days of the week order as well as which day comes 'before' and which day comes 'after'. In addition to reading and showing o'clock times.

Number: Counting forwards from beyond, starting at different numbers and remembering decade number names (30, 40, 50 ect) as well as counting backwards and writing numerals with accurate formation. Reading and writing teen numbers and beyond.

LITERACY

During writing activities, we will be continuing to look at writing conventions including accurate letter formation, capital letters and full stops. We are also continuing our learning of letter names and sounds, diagraphs (sh, ch, th), word families and will soon learn about vowel sounds.

In reading, we are continuing to practice sounding out to help us read unknown words and also reading at a quicker pace (fluency). Children are continuing to spell, read and write tricky/high frequency words (the more tricky/high frequency words they know will assist them with their reading, writing and spelling). The comprehension strategies the children will be learning this term are to make connections (to share how a text reminds them of something that they have experienced, seen or heard in another text or heard from world events), to ask questions and to infer (to conclude and state their opinion based on evidence in the text.)

You can continue to help your child at home by revising the concepts of: letter names and letter sounds, rhyming (which words rhyme out of dog, mat, frog? Why does they rhyme? Which word doesn't rhyme and why?) and syllables (students place their hands under their chin and say the word –how many times the chin moves shows how many syllables are in that word.

Cooking Class

We had a cooking session on Monday (Week 2) and had a fantastic time chopping vegetables, making hummus dip and carrot dip, frying polenta chips and creating fruit kebabs. The recipes are available on the school website.

A huge thank you to the parent helpers who helped us cook and clean everything.

iPad App; ChatterPix

This is a great creating oral app. Students have used ChatterPix to take a photo of a clock they made. They then drew a mouth and recorded their voices to tell the time and share the knowledge they have learnt about telling the time.

Transition to Year 1

-We have begun having lunch and play at the Primary School in preparation for next year. Each week that passes, we will visit the Primary school at lunch time and slowly build up the amount of visits we have. From Week 5 onwards, the Pre-Primaries will spend each lunch time at the Primary School.

-The Pre-Primary student will also have opportunities to spend time in a Year 1 classroom and participate in activities. This will be happening; Week 5 – Friday 15/11 from 9:00am-9:45am and Week 9 – every day from Monday through to Friday (9:00-9:30am).

Dates to Remember

***Week 4;** EC1 will be writing on the Build Up Board and have work on display in the front office. Friday 8/11 is Chinese Day and Assembly.

* **Week 5;** Worm Farm Incursion on Monday 11/11 and Tuesday 12/11

***Week 6;** Friday 22/11 is a Pupil Free Day

***Week 7; Friday 29/11 is our class Assembly**

***Week 8;** Thursday 5/12 and Friday 6/12; Wellness Festival

* **Week 10;** 16/12 Reports emailed home. Wednesday 18/12 Presentation night. Thursday 19/12 last day in Pre-Primary!