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Roxanne's Reflections

News for all LFMA families!

◆ Welcome to my favorite season, fall. This month marks the beginning of continuous holidays. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas/Hanukah. This month there are a few things happening. You may want to mark your calendar right now so you don't forget any events. On Thursday, October 13th we will be doing individual school pictures. These are your typical head shot photos. All students attending VPK are invited to come all day that day if you want to have your child photographed. The pictures will be back in time for holiday gift giving.

During the week of October 18th I will be conducting pre-primary conferences. The following week Miss Jessica and Miss Jennifer will be conducting VPK conferences. A sign-up sheet will be posted for both closer to that time. As always if the times posted are inconvenient for you let us know and we can set up a meeting time that works with your schedule.

On Friday October 28th we will have our annual Fall Festival. The pre-primary/VPK classes will celebrate in the morning and the upper levels will celebrate in the afternoon. We will need parent volunteers to help set up and help during the festival. A sign-up sheet will be available the week prior. If you prefer to provide a special snack or treat spaces will also be provided.

Mrs. Price's Class News

◆ Well, it is finally starting to feel a little like fall. I am looking forward to a little bit of cooler weather where we can actually start having lunch outside again and taking some of our lessons outside as well. This month will be a busy one. Kindergarteners will begin having spelling tests during the middle of the month and everyone will be busy practicing reading and math skills. We will focus a great deal on the Solar System this month and students are encouraged to bring in books and share items related to this subject.

We will take a field trip to the Brevard Zoo on October 14th. Stay tuned for instructions on driving, lunches, etc. that will be posted in the foyer. The students are excited about going and I am looking forward to it as well.

The other big event that we will be having this month is our fall festival. Our class will be celebrating with games, snacks, and activities on Friday, October 28th at 1:00 in the afternoon. Parents are invited to attend and a sign-up sheet will be in the foyer for snacks and volunteers. This will be a fun day for all and the children always have a wonderful time. I hope to see you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SCHOOL PICTURES

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

- UPPER LEVEL FIELD TRIP – BREVARD ZOO

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

- FALL FESTIVAL

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Mr. Price's Class News

◆ Here we are, a little past the mid-point of the first semester! I'm very well pleased with the progress with every student. I'm most impressed with how well they adapted to the classroom structure. Everyone was done exceedingly well in study and test preparation and the grades show it! In literature, we have begun a new book, The Children of the Longhouse by Joseph Bruchac. It is the story about a Native American boy

Mrs. Manley's Class News

◆ I hope everyone's September has been as fun and as busy as mine has been. The kids are doing fantastic and I am so proud of their progress. Mrs. Costello, Ms. Dixon, and I have been trying to give a couple of notes out to the children just to encourage and praise them throughout the week and I wanted to share with you how wonderful that has been for us. It reminds me of the movie, "Pay it Forward". After we started doing that for them, the children have started leaving little notes of encouragement and praise for their friends. I can't tell you how wonderful it has been having seen those interactions.

Now on more of an academic note, the children have been working now a few weeks out of the Saxon math book. The kids have been doing fantastic with this math curriculum. I did want to mention to my third grade parents that some of your children are finding it difficult to look back for answers if they need some help with certain problems. Beneath each math problem is a small number in parentheses. That refers to the lesson that question comes from. If you notice that your child is having a hard time with this you may want to spend some time with them showing them how to look up information. We have gone through this many times in the class but some of them may need a bit more one-on-one to really have a good understanding of how to do this task. The students have also recently just finished their first literature book with me, "The School Mouse". We are now reading a great book called, "In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson". This new book really stretches the kids in the area of inference while you are reading. They have done very well with it so far. Because of the way this book is written, I am primarily doing a lot of the reading. I want to be sure that I can walk them through some of the inference information.

Please remember these important dates for October. Friday, October 14th, is the field trip to Brevard Zoo. The information and the driving list will be available on Monday, October 10th. Please also keep in mind that if your child is not attending there is no one here to be with your child so other arrangements will need to be made. Also Friday, October 28th, is our fall festival. Our fall festival is a little different from the preschool and K-2 class fall festival. We will be having a party with treats (a sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer for goodies) but we tend to do class games, and a bigger craft in the afternoon.

I hope everyone has an outstanding October!

Mr. Price's Class News (cont.)

named Ohkwa'ri (pronounced Oh-gwah-lee) and his twin sister, Otsi:Stia (pronounced Oh-dzee-dzyah) and a glimpse into the of the life of centuries ago.

In history, we will be beginning our American Government studies. During these studies, students will learn about the different branches, separation of powers, terms of office, duties of elected officials, etc. I do these type of studies around this type of year because it tends to be more active politically. I encourage children, even at this age, to understand the political process and develop an appreciation of just how unique our country actually is.

During the month of October, we will have a field trip to the Brevard Zoo on Friday, October 14TH. We will also have a Fall Festival on Friday, October 28TH in the afternoon. I will put out a signup sheet for snacks in the upcoming weeks. Our festival will include outside game activities.

Pre-Primary Class News

Miss Jennifer and Miss Jessica

◆ Hooray for fall! We are looking forward to the cooler weather. October brings the study of the next continent, South America, and the next animal family; reptiles. VPK parents don't forget our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch is on Friday, October 14. We will be meeting at the school and driving over at 12:45pm. Our class has finally collected 1000 cans and they cannot wait to get their ice cream party! Once we take the cans in, we will schedule the party, depending how much the cans are worth. We are so proud of them for collecting so many cans and appreciate all your help. At the end of October we will be conducting our parent teacher conferences. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to that time. We want to thank all the parents that have helped with our art and cooking projects! Please continue to work on letter and number identification. October Scholastic orders are due Friday October 7 to ensure time to enjoy your Halloween books. On Friday October 28 we are having our annual Fall Festival. The pre- primary class will have their party in the morning and the upper levels will celebrate in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet will be available if you would like to share some goodies. Have a great October!