

Pre-Kindergarten News

Somerset Academy

October 2017

Contributing

While we began the school year establishing new routines and getting to know classmates and teachers, children were also introduced to the concept of contributing individual strengths to the class community.

This concept was introduced in many activities, including books we read at large group time, working on group projects together in the creative area, experimenting with others at the water table, and building together with blocks.



(State of Michigan Early Learning Expectation: Approaches to Learning: Habits of Mind: Social Dispositions 6. Participation-Cooperation-Play-Networking-Contribution) 7. Children Contribute individual strengths, imagination or interests to a group.

Curriculum

Moving into October, we will continue to build our class community, focusing on recognizing and appropriately responding to emotions in ourselves and others.

We will also explore and get to know our local environment in many ways, through our field trip to the farm, experiencing the fall season in our creative expression, and in Ms. Julie's student teaching lead week at the end of the month.

(State of Michigan Early Learning Expectation: Social, Emotional and Physical Health: 2. Expressing Emotions) Children show increasing ability to regulate how they express their emotions.

(State of Michigan Early Learning Expectation: Early Learning in Social Studies 1. Relationships in Place) 4. Children engage in conversations that reflect experiences in and observations of the environment.

Resource Corner

***"Play is the highest form of research."
~Albert Einstein***

Through play, children learn how to interact socially with others, develop balance and motor control, learn about science and physics through experimentation with materials and their environment, develop their sense of curiosity and inquiry, and many, many, MANY more skills! Please visit www.thegeniusofplay.org for more information, and research, on the benefits of play!

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Letters of the Week: G/H	2 Spanish am	3 Spanish am	4 Spanish pm	5 Farm Field Trip 10:30am	6 Farm Field Trip 10:30am 2:30pm
Saturday, 10/7 Pre-K/Y5's Playground Meet & Greet 10:30-12:00 Letters: I/J	9 Spanish am	10 Spanish am Family Night 6:30-8:00	11 Spanish pm Show and Tell: Family Page	12 Show and Tell: Family Page	13 Show and Tell: Family Page
Letters of the Week: K/L	16 Spanish am	17 NO SCHOOL Conference Prep Day	18 Spanish pm Picture Day	19 Picture Day	20
Letters of the Week: M/N	23 Spanish am	24 Spanish am	25 Spanish pm	26	27
Letters of the Week: O/P	30 Spanish am Costume Parade 9:20 & 3:30	31 Spanish am Costume Parade 9:20 & 3:30			

Announcements and Reminders!

- Our first **Field Trip to Bowers Farm** will take place on **Thursday, 10/5 and Friday, 10/6**. Please refer to the field trip information (sent out in September) for full details. Parents attending the field trip are invited to join Kirsten for coffee and conversation before leaving for the farm.
- Please join us **Saturday, October 7**, 10:30-12:00, for our Pre-K/Young 5's **Playground Meet and Greet!**
- Our annual **Family Night** is **Tuesday, 10/10** from **6:30-8:00**. This is a great opportunity for all family members to come visit your child's classroom!
- **Show and Tell, October 11, 12, 13: Family Page** The teachers will be distributing a blank page in a sheet protector for our class family book project. We will share the pages for Show and Tell, and then add them to our Class Family Book. All pages will be returned at the end of the school year.
- Our annual **Costume Parades** will take place **Monday, 10/30 and Tuesday, 10/31** at **9:20am and 3:30pm**. Please refer to the parade information page in this newsletter for more details. Also, please watch for a sign-up sheet on the class website beginning October 9, to volunteer to bring in napkins, cups, and juice for snack, and non-edible take home treats for a Halloween classroom activity.