



## Parent Corner: Let's Read!

The best thing you can do to teach your child to read is to read to them! This may seem obvious, but it's importance is greater than drilling letters and sounds to teach a child to read. Fluent reading and comprehension comes best from listening to a fluent reader over and over again. And then talking about the book you just read. I recommend that you read to your child for at least 15 minutes every day. Let your child be involved in the reading. Let him/her choose special books for you to read. (Even if they choose the same book every time!) Find a special place to read and make it a habit. If you want to help your child become a successful reader, then spend some time increasing your child's understanding of the books you read. Ask your child questions like these as you study a book:

- "Tell me what has happened so far."
- "What do you think will happen next? Why?"
- "What do you picture in your head?"
- "Are you reminded of another book?"
- "Have you ever felt this way?"
- "Do you have any questions about this story?"
- "What are some important things that have happened?"
- "Is there a lesson we can learn from this book?"

If you spend time talking about what you read, not only will you increase your child's desire to read again, but also increase their ability to dissect a book themselves and get the most understanding possible. It in turn will increase fluency and comprehension.

## Here Come the Germs!

Just a note about the changing weather and the sickness it brings. I'm living proof of this!!! First of all a big thank you to you parents for keeping your children home when they are sick. I apologize I had to "stay home" myself! With the changing weather there always comes more germs along with it. I appreciate you being sensitive to that. I thought it might be helpful to list a few "rules of thumb" that might help you know when to keep your child home. Here they are: if your child has a fever (or had one in the last 24 hours). If your child is continually coughing or sneezing. If your child has a runny nose that you have to wipe more than once an hour. If your child has thrown up or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours. If anyone else in your family has been diagnosed with a contagious sickness. It would be a great help to our class if you will keep your child at home until they have been well for at least 24 hours. As much as I wouldn't want my child to miss school, it's important that they don't cause anyone else to have to miss school too!

## "The Earth"

Our theme for the month of October is "The Earth!" Next to being able to relate to your own body, a child relates next to the earth and their environment. So it's only natural to continue down our path of learning by studying the earth. We have some fun things planned for this month. We'll be "earth detectives" looking for things that live on the earth. We'll go on a Nature Walk. We'll study the sky and clouds (weather permitting) and we'll even have a pumpkin day in conjunction with our field trip to Pumpkinland. I'm looking forward to this months studies!

## This Month's Studies:

- ♥ Letters: Dd-Gg
- ♥ Numbers: 4-7
- ♥ Colors: green, yellow, orange, blue, red and brown
- ♥ Earth Appreciation
- ♥ Halloween Safety
- ♥ How to listen to the teacher and not interrupt
- ♥ How to sit on the rug: legs crossed, arms/hands to ourselves, mouths closed and eyes on the teacher!

## Preschool Class News

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### Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ October Birthdays: Malik Filimoe'atu-14th, Lydia Lamb-25th, Miss Janette- 25th
- ☺ September's Queen of the Month-Reagan McGarry
- ☺ October's Queen(s) of the Month: Grace Delorey and Lydia Lamb
- ☺ Thanks for all the wonderful ABC Treats in September!
- ☺ Color Days: Oct. 6-green, 11th-Blue, 13th-yellow, 18th-orange, 20th-red, 25th-brown, 27th-Halloween costume. Let your child wear these colors on the designated days!!
- ☺ Pumpkinland Field Trip: October 18th, 12:30-2:30. BOTH CLASSES WILL COME AT THIS TIME! PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS SO YOU CAN COME!
- ☺ Nature Walk: we will be staying at school for this walk.
- ☺ Our Preschool Blog is updated! Feel free to make posts or comments!
- ☺ Any questions contact me at:  
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