

October 2009 Kindergarten Newsletter

Dear “K” Parents,

The day after Bac-To-School Night I found out that many of the teachers, including myself, couldn't get to sleep that night because we were regretting all the things we didn't get to say! On my part, I was regretting that I mostly had time for some housekeeping and business news. I meant to tell you that this is a sweet and awesome group of 26 kindergarteners who are making amazing strides in their social interactions and academics. I am excited to be their teacher and I watch with wonder their progress unfold right before my eyes! Thank you for attending, it was great to see you after the long and busy days that you all had. I am looking forward to meeting with you individually for Parent-Teacher conferences later this month.

Thank you to all parents that have kept their child home when they are showing symptoms of illness. It is a good idea for everyone to be more vigilant this year. If you are a volunteer in the classroom, please take the day off if you have had any symptoms within the last 24 hours. Just as a reminder; the GSS school policy is to ask you to keep your child at home until 24 hours have passed since the last signs of illness.

Now for October business and news...

*Some of the themes for October will be; Spiders, Halloween, Dia de Los Muertos, Fall, Bats, Skeletons, Bones, and Owls, and Monarch butterflies. We will continue to work with the Fat-Cat-Sat unit in reading and will be working from our wonderful new math curriculum from Houghton Mifflin.

*Thursday Oct. 1 is free dress day for primary classes due to huge parent attendance at “Back to School Night”.

*Friday is “Blessing of the Animals Day”. If you have an animal you would like to bring to school, it must be kenneled or on a leash. Parents must take the animal home after the service. Your child may also bring a picture of your pet if bringing the pet to school is inconvenient.

*Oct. 23 is our first field trip to Natural Bridges State Beach. I have four drivers signed up at this time. We need a few more. There will be plenty of notes coming about the trip. For now, please let me know if you are able to drive and attend the trip. Also, please take care of all driver paperwork soon with Sandy Nelson. Thank you.

*We will have a Halloween Party on Oct. 30. More notes to follow about that day!

*Homework begins on Oct. 13. You will receive full instructions with the first packet.

*The kindergarten class will be coordinating the Second Harvest Food Drive in Oct. and Nov. We will be encouraging the entire school body to contribute canned, boxed, or bagged non-perishable foods with banners, announcements etc. Is there a parent that could video tape some of our efforts for a five-ten minute presentation of this food drive?

Thank you for all your classroom support!
Elizabeth Weber