

Room 229 News

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Dear Families,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Open House last month! I hope you enjoyed getting a glimpse of what your child's day looks like. This month we are beginning an integrated unit on Community and Community Helpers. We will have a culminating Field Trip to three places in our community and students will learn about the role community helpers play in the town of Duxbury. They will experience first-hand the daily routines of each of the community helpers and their importance to our town. On Thursday, October 31st we will enjoy dressing up and a parade to celebrate Halloween. I can't wait to see your little darlings on that very fun day! Please remember to make sure your child does not wear a mask or bring anything that would be considered violent or scary. After our parade which takes place at 10:45, we will celebrate with a fun party filled with singing, games, and crafts. Stay tuned for party and parade information coming to you soon. Please leave candy at home for your evening *trick-or-treaters*.

A couple of housekeeping points; It's that time of year again...Aaaachoo! Please remember to send in absence notes when your child is home sick. We are keeping them on file and documenting excused and unexcused absences. Also, please remember we visit the library on Fridays at 10:00 in the morning. We are expected to return our borrowed books on or before Friday in order to be able to check out a new one during our scheduled special. Finally, I along with our homeroom parents, will be sending out volunteer information soon. We will be using SignUp Genius for Computer Lab volunteers, Mystery Readers, and Mad Science volunteers. We would greatly appreciate your help in completing the Volunteer Forms as soon as possible.

Your children are really looking forward to Math everyday. This month, we will continue to count, read, and write numbers 0-5, look for patterns and shapes all around us, and compare numbers 0-5. We will also begin counting, reading, writing, and comparing numbers 6-10. You can help your child develop early time and money skills by counting by 1s, 5s, and 10s whenever you think of it. Try to go all the way to 100. They love to practice counting, especially if it's just for fun! The following is a link to our EnVisions Math "Centers". I will be sending home your child's username and passwords at conferences.

<https://www.pearsonrealize.com/community/centers/679e605d-f006-395b-bb32-e493413d37ca/8/d5bd911d-63d3-3fe0-b694-fac74f9b586f/0/tier/4b32e133-fa67-3859-853d-ece71ad8473e/9>

Literacy is moving right along and your kiddos are as well. I can't believe the growth I see in them already! It's truly the best part of my job. When I see the way their faces light up after they have realized they can read and write all by themselves,

it really warms my heart! Please show them you are interested and excited about their learning whenever you catch them sharing an experience. Also, if you find a few minutes here or there, a great "game" to play with your children that will really make a difference in their phonemic awareness acquisition is to hold up your hand and "sound out" words. For example, the word *stop* has 4 distinct sounds: /s/, /t/, /o/, and /p/. Ask your child, "How many sounds do you hear in the word *beach*?" They should hold up a hand and tap, /b/, /e/, /ch/, three. Even just asking them what the first sound or last sound they hear in words is extremely helpful in building phonemic awareness. Making learning fun is always the best way to go.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, note, or phone call. Thanks again for your generous donations of hand soap, sanitizing wipes, and expo markers.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Smith,
Mrs. Powers, & Mrs. White

Important Dates:

- Thursday, October 3 - Chandler PTA Meeting @ 9:30
- Friday, October 11 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development
- Monday, October 14 - NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- Thursday, October 17th- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Monday, October 21 - Chandler School Picture Day
- Wednesday and Thursday, October 23rd and 24th - Early Release at 12:10 for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 25th, Community Helpers Field Trip
- Thursday, October 31st - Kindergarten Parade and Party - parade begins at 10:45 outside on the sidewalk in front of the building. Families are welcome to watch.