

OCTOBER, 2015

Sprout Academy

M/W/F/ 3's Class- Teacher Erin

Dear 3's Parent,

We have been very busy this first month of preschool! The theme for September was "What do we do in preschool?" Our classroom focus was on setting routines and acclimating students to their new environment with as smooth of a transition as possible. We learned about good handwashing habits, words we use to share and communicate with our classmates, and what it means to be safe in the classroom.

This month, our theme is "Fall is Around us". We have been focusing on the changes that we see outside, what they mean, and what happens in fall. Along with our fall curriculum we have been working on name recognition and writing skills as a part of the 3-4 year old benchmarks.

I have been very impressed by and feel so lucky to have such an amazing class! I am very excited to see the progress we make over the next 8 months!

I will have Teacher Kate subbing for me in class Monday the 26th & Wednesday the 28th for a scheduled vacation.

Best Wishes,
Teacher Erin

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Learning Stations

The learning stations in our classroom focus on a variety of activities. Over the past month we have focused our learning stations to target name writing development as well as reflect the daily topic and stories we discuss in class. In September we discussed recycling and have incorporated this in our daily routine during snack time.

This month our learning stations have been centered on fall. From pumpkins to leaves we have been discussing the different aspects of fall and incorporating our fall curriculum into our work on benchmark standards.



DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 23

Harvest Walk, 6p-7:30p: Meet on the front steps of SWCC

OCTOBER 24

Monster Mash: Give the front desk a call for more information!

OCTOBER 28

Class Halloween Celebration: Come to class dressed in your costume ready for a spooktacular day!

NEED TO REACH ME?

Front Desk: 503-823-2840

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If you know your child will not be able to come to class due to illness or other conflict please let us know!

MORE CLASSROOM NEWS

Classroom Structure

Daily Schedule:

9a-9:40a: Free Exploration

9:40a: Clean up

9:50-10:30: Morning Carpet & Storytime

10:30a-11a: Snack Time

11a-11:20a: Outdoor Patio Time

11:30-11:45: Learning Stations

11:45-Noon: Afternoon Carpet Time

Stickers: We use stickers in the classroom as a reward system during both carpet times. If students are good listeners, stay seated, or return to the carpet when asked they get to pick one sticker at the end of each carpet time. If students don't earn a sticker in the morning they have a second chance to earn one in the afternoon.

Give Me Five: We use "Give me five" in the classroom as a model of ideal behavior during carpet time. This is also the model we use as a visual example of how students can earn a sticker.

Students are giving five if their:

Legs are crossed and bottoms are on the carpet

Hands are still and to ourselves

Ears are listening

Eyes are watching

Lips are zipped

Folders

Folders will be sent home at least once a week with art projects and sometimes reminders of upcoming events. You have probably noticed that there are two sections in each folder. If items are placed on the "return to school side" please make sure the items come back to class with the folder, sometimes there will be projects that I want families to see but also want returned to be used for assessments. Also, please make sure that folders make it back to school the next day.

FINAL NOTE

Overall the past month of school has been fantastic! Please let me know if you ever have any questions, thoughts, or concerns. I am always available by email to discuss anything.

Best Wishes,
Teacher Erin



UP COMING NO SCHOOL DAYS

OCTOBER 30TH

Planning Day

NOVEMBER 11TH

Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH

Thanksgiving