

November Sprout T.TH 4's Newsletter



Dear Sprout M/W/F families,

Welcome to this new school year! Teacher Alex and I have been so excited to get to know each of our new students and families. Thank you everyone for filling out the parent packets, the information has been most helpful for us to get to know and understand your child as an individual. After these first weeks, we have transitioned well into our daily routine. Generally, our daily routine has been as follows:

12:30-Opening Activity

12:45-Center Play

1:30-Circle Time

2:00-Snack

2:20-Outside Play

3:50- Ending Activity

4:15-Goodbye Circle Time

4:30-Pickup

The past month we have learned about beetle's metamorphosis, falling autumn leaves, busy squirrels, and this week, migrating geese!

ACADEMICS

I have been so excited to see the enthusiasm our Sprout students have shown towards the ecology themed lessons. They really are a group of Nature Kids! You can build upon this enthusiasm by continuing the ecology based activities at home or in your neighborhood. The squirrels and geese are very active at this time of year: the squirrels are gathering tree nuts to stash away for the winter and the Canadian Geese are flying in their V formations south for warm California. Can you find them in your area? I bet your student can!

Preliminary assessments have begun to gauge where our students are developmentally and how best to move forward throughout the coming year. Assessments have so far included saying our ABC's and spelling our names, counting to twenty, and visual pattern recognition. Our end of the year goal is for each student to attain mastery in each of the benchmarks of Physical Well-Being and Motor Development, Social and Emotional Development, Communication, Language, and Literacy, and finally Mathematics and Science. If you'd like information on how your child has assessed, you are more than welcome to either email me at Vincent.bond@portlandoregon.gov or speak in person before or after class. We will be having Conferences in November as well in which we can discuss your child in more detail.

THE WEEK AHEAD

In celebration for the coming of Halloween, our next week's lesson theme will be all about pumpkins! We will learn about how pumpkins grow and plant our very own pumpkin seeds in the classroom patio garden.

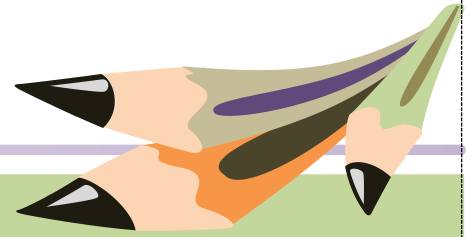


REMINDER

Thursday, October 27th will be our first class field trip to Lee Farms, located at 21975 SW 65th Ave, Tualatin, 97062. We will be meeting on the farm at 12:50pm and begin our tour promptly at 1:00pm. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and others are invited to join the fun, Sprout students will be paid for by the program and it is \$8 for each additional person attending. If your child and family would like to attend, please RSVP on our classroom signup page. The field trip will take the place of class on the 27th.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all those parents who have emailed or spoken with me in person with questions, comments, and concerns, or addressed those of my own, regarding their child and the Sprout Academy program. This has been very helpful for Teacher Alex and I to ensure the best possible experience for those students. I encourage each parent, should you have your own questions, comments, concerns, or would just like an update on how your student is doing in class, to contact me via email at Vincent.bond@portlandoregon.gov, or to speak with me in person before or after class. Likewise, I will also email or speak in person with parents should I have questions, comments, concerns, or updates of my own.



P.S.

As we enter into this new fall season, the weather has started to turn for the wetter. Let's make sure our children are well prepared for nature play with rain resistant jackets and shoes in order for them to have an enjoyable experience in our beautiful Gabriel Park!

Thank you Sprout Families,
-Teacher Vincent

