

Mrs. Leopold's Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter
Week of September 17- 21

Circle Time: We proudly say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag each morning. Monday, September 17 was U.S Constitution Day. We spoke about Constitution Day this week and compared the U.S Constitution to our "hopes and dreams" and rules developed by the children. Together we created rules for our classroom. Each child had the opportunity to add a rule. By having the children come up with the rules, the children will be more accountable and responsible for their behaviors. They are their rules!!! After our rules were written and documented, we signed our names on our Pre-K classroom Constitution just like they did on the Constitution many years ago to show we all agree with and will follow the rules. These rules will remain up all year for us to remember and reflect upon. We made a connection to the fact that Connecticut, our state, is called the Constitution State. We watched a great video from SchoolHouse Rock called Constitution Preamble. <https://youtu.be/30OyU4O80i4>

We celebrated "Talk Like a Pirate Day" Tuesday, September 18 as we had no school on September 19. We had fun all day talking like a pirate and we even walked the plank outside on the playscape. We learned many fun pirate words. We read a couple of great pirate books. We played pin the eye patch on the pirate.

Art:

Quill feathers: We dipped quill pens (feathers) into ink (black paint) and signed our names on the Constitution.

Pirates: We painted paper plates skin colored then added eyes, nose and a thumb print beard. We added pirate hats as well decorated with skull and crossbones.

Rainbow Fish: We glued tissue paper on a fish then added a sparkle fin just like when the rainbow fish shared his sparkle fins with the other fish. Friendship is important.

Book Buddies: We've been teaming up with our third grade book buddies from Mrs. Horn's room. We meet up with them and share stories with our special book buddy each week. Third graders are good readers.

Reminders:

Please send your child with spoons and or forks for both snack and lunch. We do not supply utensils.

We are waiting on family photos. Please send them in.

Don't forget about Mr. Mousey, a stuffed mouse, he would love to travel to everyone's house. Please let me know if you are interested in your child taking Mr. Mousey to your house for two nights.

We've begun focusing on the proper handwashing procedure according to NAEYC this week. Ask your child to sing the song while he/she washes his/her hands. You might want to practice this at home. Please make

sure that they rub soap all over their hands (fronts and backs) before they actually put them under the water. Please also remind them to turn off the faucet using a paper towel. Here are the words so you can sing along to our handwashing song.

Handwashing song

Tops and bottoms (2x's)
In between (2x's)
All around your hands (2x's)
Gets them clean (2x's)

Outdoors: We have had fun twisting down the spiral on the playscape as well as balancing on the wobble beam out there. We are using our large muscle skills outside. PE (gym) is also a wonderful area to utilize our large muscles. The swings are a lot of fun too. We are learning strategies of getting on ourselves and even learning how to pump. Parents please try and reinforce independence strategies at home.

Sensory Table: We opened the sensory table this week and were excited to find sand in their. This stemmed lots of conversations about the beach and who has been and who has never felt sand before.

Drop-off: The morning routine is coming along nicely. You are all fostering independence by allowing your child to empty their own bags out and organize their belongings. Our goal is that the kids become self sufficient. Everyone is doing a great job already.

SAVE THE DATE: On Thursday, September 27 at 2:00PM promptly Webster Hill will be releasing our butterflies for their migration to Mexico. Please sign in in the office and be out in the courtyard before 2 as Pre-K will be singing. Hope to see you all there.

Our first field trip is Friday, October 5 to the 4 H- Auerfarm to learn about harvest. Thanks to our chaperones that have signed up. If you haven't signed your permission slip please get it in immediately.

There is no school on Monday, October 8 due to Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day.

Friday, October 12 from 5-7 PM is our school's Welcome Back Picnic. More details to follow.

Clear your calendars for our Halloween Parade which begins promptly at 9 on Wednesday, October 31. At 7:30 AM that same morning is Dad's Breakfast in the cafeteria.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Have a nice weekend,

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