

First Plymouth Learning Center

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Ladybugs:

Hello Ladybugs! What a fantastic start to the school year we have had! It has been so great to see the children become comfortable at school and start to make friends. I'm so excited and am looking forward to the rest of the year and the holiday season. This month we will be learning about fruits and vegetables. Our color of the month is orange and our shape of the month is a square. To go along with our theme our book of the month will be "Orange Pear Apple Bear" by Emily Gravett. This month is also the ladybug's turn to decorate the welcome board at the entrance of the learning center. Be sure to check out our pumpkin pictures and fall artwork.

Ms. Miranda & Ms. Senait

From the Director...

It's already October! I hope you all have had a chance to get to know your child's teacher. We have fantastic teachers and we want everyone to feel comfortable with them. The classrooms are gearing up for Fall so make sure to check lesson plans for all of the exciting activities! Thank you parents for keeping your children near you in the hallways; pick up and drop off can be very busy times and it is easy for some students to run ahead without their parents. It's hard to believe but Fall Break is coming up, safe travels to those of you going on trips! We will be in school for Halloween so make sure to check with your child's teacher for specifics. Have a great month!

- Kiesha

Bunnies:

It has been a great start for the Bunnies. Last month, we have been very busy learning about ourselves, families and friends. We established a routine for our day and learned what a great time it is to come school and play. The Bunnies have had fun exploring different types of sensory activities through art by painting, stamping, using crayons, markers and play dough. We introduced letters A, B, C with sounds & words and counting numbers 1 & 2. This month our focus will be Fruits and Vegetables, the color Orange, the shape Square and our song 3 Little Duckies. The Bunnies letters this month are D, E, F, and numbers 3 & 4. With October being Fire Prevention month, we will learn safety in the classroom with a visit from a firefighter Randy, meet the South Metro fire crew and see their truck. All these new experiences will help develop confidence, knowledge and encourages each child to be participants in their learning.

- Ms. Gerri and Ms. Senait

Bumblebees:

We have been buzzing around our classroom and having fun getting to know each other this past month. We have been focusing on our letters, manners, making happy choices and sad choices. For the next month we will be learning about fruits, vegetables and Autumn fun! Squares and the color orange will be our shape and color of the month as well as an emphasis of numbers 0-10. We are reviewing our letters with an emphasis on A, H and I and the sounds they make. We will also review our names and the letters in our names, as well as early math concepts of small, medium and large. We will continue our independent skills of putting on our jackets and lining up quietly to go outside and play. Looking forward to a great start to Autumn fun!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

October is Fire Safety Month!
We will be having a visit from a fire truck! The children will get to speak with real fire fighters and see their gear and fire truck!



Koalas:

Happy Fall Koala Families! It has been so nice getting to know all of you, this has been an amazing start to the year. This month our theme is Fall Festival, our shape and color are square and orange, our focus letters and numbers are P, R, B, and D, and 0-10. We have been working a lot with numbers, letters, and opposites, counting 1-10 with objects and 1-20 in route, we've been improving our fine motor and practicing writing our names so this month we will switch from finding our names to the koalas tracing their names at drop off. The koalas will sign in after they say goodbye, try and keep drop off short so they transition into this new routine easily, you've all been great about this! With Halloween right around the corner please remember that FPLC has a few specific food guidelines; please speak to me about any treats you may want to share with the class beforehand.

Song: "Five Little Pumpkins"

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Shelley

Brown Bears:

What an amazing month! The Brown Bears have really come together as a class of learners who respect, support and help each other. We all help each other but we are beginning to realize we can do many things on our own. We are making huge strides with writing our names, fine motor skills and counting objects. Keep supporting letter recognition at home. October will bring on new adventures. We will be learning about fire safety, apples, Fall and our five senses. Please help our class taste and make applesauce on October 11th by bringing in three apples of different color and varieties. Thanks for all your support and allowing me the pleasure of teaching your amazing children!

- Ms. Kathy and Ms. Shelley

Penguins:

The Penguins jumped back into the school year, having no difficulty adapting to the new classroom routine. They have been working really hard during Readers/Writers Workshop learning how to use and write in their journals, as well as building 3 letter short vowel words, both reading and recording them. The Penguins wrote and "published" their "The Important Thing About A . . ." which are now hanging in the hallway outside our classroom. During "Express Yourself!" the boys and girls created amazing 3-D castles that are now on display in the hallway! At Math Time, we have moved from constructing towers of 5 and looking at 5 frames, to constructing towers of 10 and filling 10 frames with manipulatives. After constructing towers of 10, we learned how to write that information in the form of an equation on our dry erase boards. The Penguins love listening to the Magic Treehouse series at the beginning of rest time and we are already well into the third book. On Thursdays, we have made banana, apple and blueberry muffins, as well as pancakes! In the coming weeks, we will be reading books about school and friendship, as well as doing "A Study of Trees" through art.

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

October 24-28 - Fall Break

November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break

December 19- January 2- Winter Break

January 16– MLK Holiday – No School

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