

First Plymouth Learning Center

November 2018



Ladybugs:

Ladybugs have been very busy this month making special keepsakes for our families for the holiday and working on our “thank you”. We welcomed a new friend to our class, Stein. We are so excited to have him. Thank you, Moms and Dads, for all of your wonderful donations that helped enrich our classroom this month! Thanks to you, we were able to create a “Ladybug Market” post office and restaurant! It was so fun to learn about the people in our neighborhood in a hands-on way! Next month we will be learning about winter and what animals do in the winter as well as having some more holiday fun! Looking forward to another fabulous month!

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Amber

Bunnies:

With another great month passing by, the Bunnies have been very busy this month. Our focus this month was been Family and My Neighborhood with our shape: rectangle and color: yellow. We also introduced the letters G, H, I, the number 5. We been recognizing our names and doing color and shape searches around our room. The aim is to increase vocabulary and communication skills, along with knowledge and independency. The Bunnies have enjoyed this beautiful fall by noticing the changing in the leaves and how fun it is to play and stomp on them. With our days being so busy, art and music seems to be what the bunnies are enjoying best watching their creative side starting to emerge. They love to paint, stamp and color. It is exciting to watch your toddler learn and explore new things and master new skills. I feel honored to share my days with your children and to be a part of this great school. Looking forward to this amazing year!

-Ms. Gerri and Ms. Amber

Bumblebees:

As we start a new month, we are working hard on our independent skills and improving each and every day. We are introducing some new concepts as well such as simple AB patterns, scissor practice and being able to say our names and our letters in our name. This month we will be working on those concepts as well as learning about our Families and our neighborhood, as well as Thanksgiving. Our color this month is Yellow, and we will be learning about the shape, Rectangle. We will be reviewing letters and focusing on the letters and their sounds T,J,L. We will also be reviewing numbers 0-20. We are thankful and grateful for sharing your lives with us and your children. We have loved getting to know each and every one of you, have a wonderful holiday!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait

Tuition for December is due December 4th!

You can pay tuition online! There is a convenience fee of 3.5% plus \$0.45 for credit card payments and there is a flat convenience fee of \$0.45 for e-check payments. <https://firstplymouth.mycheddarup.com>

We also accept checks via bill pay through your bank.

Otters:

Happy Thanksgiving Otter Families! We hope you had a great break. All of the Otters are really focusing on their independence. They are beginning to learn how to make their own nap time mats. In addition, they have been practicing opening all of their own containers at lunch and pouring their own water at snack time. We have been focusing on manners and responsibility as well. We really enjoyed learning about all of the Otter's families. Our family portraits are now on display in our classroom. We have been practicing on our counting from 0-20. Next month we will begin counting from 0-30! Our shape and color of the month are rectangle and yellow. We have also been focusing our letter recognition, with an emphasis on T, J, and L. Our theme next month is Fall/Winter and Holidays. We are excited to talk about different traditions. It has been such a gift to teach your wonderful children and we can't wait to see what next month brings!

- Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Senait

Koalas:

Welcome back to school Koalas! I hope all of you enjoyed the break, I missed you so much. This month our theme is Health and Nutrition, our shape and color are rectangle and yellow, our focus letters and numbers are X, Y, K, and 0-30. We have been working a lot with the alphabet and letter sounds, the koalas are practicing counting one object at a time and working with ten frames. The koalas are getting better and better at writing their names and reading/making words using the sounds of the letters. We've been learning to sound out simple words while reading one on one. You can practice this at home using books, word cards, or sounding out words together while you write them. Whenever you talk about letters use the letter name, sound, and words with that letter.

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Amber

Brown Bears:

Hello parents!

We are going through this year so fast! It's already close to December! Which also means we have a new theme coming up, which will be all about winter. I've already gone to the library and picked up some great book for our theme. Make sure you continue to send them to school with the appropriate winter clothing. Snow boots are welcome as long as they can fit in their backpacks and a pair of regular shoes still wear to class as well.

We are moving right along with math. I encourage you to count with your kids. Counting cars is fun while driving. Or counting the steps they take and so forth. We are still working on numbers and grouping as well. Such as the number 10 and counting out to ten blocks. Ask your kiddos to count out and show you. They're doing great!

Happy December!

- Ms. Brooke and Ms. Senait

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

December 25- January 4- Winter Break

January 8 – Students return

March 1 – No School, Teacher In-Service

March 19-22 – Spring Break

April 10 – Night of Discovery

May 17 – Last Day for Students

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Penguins:

First, let me just say that it was my great pleasure to meet with the parents of every single Penguin for fall conferences and share in all the progress that the children are making! We really appreciate all of you taking the time to come in and meet with us! 😊 Penguins work on building math knowledge after lunch. When they are finished at the lunch table, they clean up their places and move to the block area to work with a partner on a variety of math activities. Children build towers of 10 out of two different colors of unifix cubes and then try to write the equation on a dry erase board. They put manipulatives on a 10 frame and ask their partner the following questions: How many? How many blank spaces? And how did you know? Or, they roll two dice on a tray and ask their partner to tell them how many dots on each die and all together. After we clean up our math materials, I lead the children in a Number Talk, in which each child is able to share how and why he/she came to the answer to a question I have asked the group. In cooking/baking news . . . our latest endeavors have included jack o' lantern pumpkin pancakes, grilled cheese sandwiches and even making bread for our jam sandwiches! Check out the amazing artwork hanging in the hallway that Ms. Shelley masterminded and helped the children create: "5 Little Pumpkins", handprint turkeys and dyed corn kernel mosaics!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley

A Note from the Director:

Hello again everyone! I hope everybody is doing well. Please remember to keep sick children home as this is also a risk for the other children and the teachers in their classroom. It is also helpful for parents to communicate what is going on either with your child's teacher or me, this will help us stay on top of being healthy. **Our policy per Tri-County Health Department: children must be fever free without medication for 24 hours and vomit or diarrhea free without medication for 48 hours before they can return to school.**

Make sure to get updated health forms (physician's and immunization) when your child goes to their doctor for an annual well check so that we can maintain current information in files. Keep an eye out, registration stuff for the 2019-2020 school year will be distributed soon!

The weather is cooling down really fast! Remember to check your child's extra clothes for weather appropriateness and fit. Please note that we will have the children go outside as long as weather permits so make sure the children are coming to school dressed appropriately.

Here's to another wonderful month!

- Kiesha

