



Diamond Class News



September 29th, 2011

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! They are October 12th, 13th, and 14th. This is your opportunity to ask any questions, and share any concerns or delights with us about your child. There will be a sign-up sheet on the chalkboard outside of the classroom on Friday September 30th. Please stop by to choose a time to conference with us. We look forward to meeting with you!



Walk-a-Thon

Walk-a-thon is here! We will be engaging in a normal school day during walk-a-thon. Kindergarteners will be having job time and lunch before we participate in any of the activities. If you signed up to volunteer you will be able to interact with your child when they start walking with their buddies at **11:30am**. Please wait until the walk-a-thon begins until you interact with your child. However, once your child begins walking, you will be able to participate with them and take responsibility of them whenever you feel comfortable. In that circumstance you will need to sign your child out with a Diamond class teacher so we know we are no longer responsible for them. If you are busy volunteering then your child may stay with the class until dismissal time at 1:45 pm, at that time all children need to be picked up or checked out like a normal school day. Any children still with the teachers after 1:45 pm will be walked to Club M until they are picked up by their parent. We look forward to walking with you!

Journaling

We have been busy writing in our journals this month! Your children write about what they think is important to them, rather than a writing prompt. Our focus has been on proper sentence structure, with finger spaces between words, appropriate upper and lower case letters, and punctuation. We love reading them and look forward to reviewing their progress with you at conferences!

Water Bottles please!

We are noticing that some children are not bringing water bottles to school. Your children have an active school day, (especially on P.E. days!) and need to stay hydrated. We will run out of cups to give to them soon. Please send your child with a water bottle everyday. If your child goes to Club M, they need to bring two water bottles to school. We are seeing that some children are bringing them to Club M and leaving them there.

Normalization

We are still working toward normalization in Diamond class. The children are making great progress during job time and acclimating to having three jobs completed before they go outside to play. We will be asking for parent volunteers in the classroom sometime in October after parent conferences have been completed.

And the good news is...

We want to give a big **THANK YOU** to the parents who have donated apples for our apple tasting, newspaper, and masking tape for our walk-a-thon hats, and wonderful gifts to fill our walk-a-thon movie raffle basket! We couldn't make the learning experience in Diamond class as rich as it is with out your help!

Upcoming Snack/Sharing

- 9/30 -Aubrey
- 10/3 - Beckam
- 10/4 - Carolyn
- 10/5- Jackson
- 10/6- Fog Willow Farm Field Trip



Important Dates

- 9/30 Walk-a-Thon
- 10/6 Fog Willow Farm
- 10/12-10/14 Parent Conferences (early dismissal)
- 10/19 School Picture Day
- 10/28 No School/Staff In-service
- 10/31 Continent Party

Love,

Your Fun-Loving Diamond Class Teachers ☺