

Kentwood Preparatory Newsletter for Week Ending 10/06/06
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Room 01: Ms. Hubach-Schwartz & Mrs. Shannon

Thank you to all of our room one parents for attending our open house. It was wonderful to meet everyone. I am looking forward to working with you this year towards your child's success in school. Please contact me for a conference on the 13th or 16th of this month if you have not already, and please join us for our Fall festival on the 21st for a day of fun!

I am so impressed with all of your children in class; they have been doing excellent work and have really started to take responsibility for their learning. They are showing great effort and participation and want to show us their best! Please continue to encourage them to keep up the great work!

Room 02: Ms. Motta

Thank you to all our parents for coming to our Open House last Thursday. It was great talking to you.

Our class is doing great; we are working on addition strategies and drilling our phonics. We had a bubbles party for rewards last week. It was fun and it helped us understand more about our air unit. We started our class inter-mail system "The Note Boat" our students are having fun writing to each other. They have so much to say!

Skills: Mr. Malka

We experienced wonderful accomplishments this week. The class is learning small group dynamics and practicing using proper ways to ask for assistance from teachers and peers. The group interaction is showing positive strides. We played games such as basketball that reinforced these skills in a fun way! Our large motor muscles got a workout during a following directions game where the students used their full bodies to mimic the teacher. Every day we work on handwriting skills and discuss how neatness is important in our work.

Thank you to all of you who attended our Open House. We always enjoy sharing our learning experiences with our families. Remember to save the date for the Fall Festival, October 21st.

Room 08: Ms. Bigos

Room 8 is showing great progress, as we are approaching the end of the 1st quarter. Students are working very hard with their math and language arts lessons. It was nice meeting with all the families during open house. I am looking forward to meeting with all of my room 8 families during parent conferences.

Room 10: Mr. Lieberman

Room 10 had a great 1st quarter. As it comes to a close, we are finishing up various exercises and activities. We will be preparing for a comprehensive test of everything they have worked so hard to learn and achieve these past few weeks.

The student's have worked hard and it shows with their participation and effort levels. We mastered the place values to the billions and thousandths, as well as, rounding numbers. They have also worked on increasing their vocabulary skills. The students are doing a great job on their tests each Friday.

We have many birthdays in the month of October. I would like to say happy birthday to all of these students on behalf of the entire class: Kenny, Adam, Jordan, Brandon, and David.

If you would like a conference, we will be setting them up on Friday, October 13, and Monday, October 16, between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Room 11: Ms. Mayer

This has been another busy week for Room 11. We have continued to work diligently on our Academics. For math, we are reviewing mean, median, mode and range; this will allow the students to take responsibility for totaling and averaging their BIC points more independently.

In English, we continue to work on improving our writing skills and well as our vocabulary units. We are also continuing work on our Fable and will be gearing up to do a research project to reinforce the unit.

Finally, in Social Studies, we started a unit on map skills and it will continue for the next month.

As always, the class loves electives. They continued to work on their excel unit in computers and worked on color wheels, using both primary and secondary colors. In Social Skills, we are continuing to discuss appropriate social behaviors and why they are so important in everything that do in life.

We look forward to being even more productive next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Room 12: Ms. Crawford

Room 12 has been cruising into Algebra 1! We are working towards mastering solving equations by adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Start studying for your math test next week. While you are studying for math, don't forget to study for your Units 4-6 Vocabulary Assessment! Room 12 students created a cluster diagram of things they dislike and things they love. The students will be compiling the paragraphs into their very own All About Me Essay. The quarter will be over before we know it and I look forward to sharing the students work and progress with each parent.

Reading and Math Lab: Ms. Sterbenz, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Debeyer

Mr. Davidson's and Ms. De Beyer's reading groups are continuing to work on their decoding and fluency skills through phonemic awareness and through rereading text. They are continuing to improve their comprehension skills using visualization techniques. Miss Sterbenz's group has just finished reviewing all of the consonants, short vowel, and digraph sounds. They have been able to read and spell 3 sound words using the tapping technique.

In the math lab, Ms. DeBeyer's group is working on sorting and making different kinds of patterns using fun manipulatives, while Mr. Davidson's group is reviewing place value up to the ten-thousands place, and reviewing multi-digit subtraction. Miss Sterbenz's group worked on money concepts and rounding whole numbers this week.

Students in reading and/or math lab celebrated their excellent efforts last Friday with a doughnut and juice party! Can't wait to have the end of October's reward celebration!

Occupational Therapy: Ms. Debeyer

O. T has been quite a challenge this week. All the grades are having fun and the students are asking to repeat some of the exercises. They all enjoyed visual memory and tracking number exercises. These exercises are timed by 15, 10 and 5 seconds. Room 11 and 12 already can do a full page in 5 seconds -- way to go!!!!

Through the month of October, we will continue to work on posture and fine motor coordination exercises emphasizing texture with manipulatives since Halloween and the Fall season is here.

Art & Science: Ms. Urbanbcic

Art:

Rooms 1, 2, and 8 learned how to draw animals and insects using letters and numbers.

They were so excited to realize that they could all draw.

Rooms 10, 11, and 12 experimented with mixing paint colors. They created their own color wheel and are continuing to create a variety of different colors with just using the paint colors: red, blue, yellow, white, and black.

Science:

Rooms 8, 10, 11 and 12 are continuing to study the many fascinating concepts of air. We did experiments compressing air. We found out that if we use a rigid cylinder such as a syringe or an air pump and there is no outlet for the air, the air will be pushed into a smaller space. The air that is now being compressed and put under pressure can push objects. This was found out by popping the plunger out of the syringe.

Rooms 1 and 2 continued to work in their Weather Journals. We also carried out more experiments involving wind, but this time they also involved bubbles.

Room 12 also saw a video explaining "The Deadly Forces of *Killer Storms* ." They were very interested by the devastation done by hurricanes, floods, and lightning, but they were fascinated by that unpredictable force of the **tornado**.

Thank you all for coming to Open House last week. It was nice to see familiar faces and become acquainted with new ones.

Social Skills: Ms. Flores

It was wonderful to see you all during open house and I wanted to tell you that the success your children have already shown is still continuing. We have started our lessons on First Impressions and putting our best foot forward in the world. If you would like to meet with me during conferences, please let your child's home base teacher know and I will be glad to meet with you around your chosen time as well. I look forward to hearing from you.

Computer Lab: Mr. Kohser

It was a pleasure having the parents in the computer lab during open house; they were as enthusiastic to be there as our Kentwood students!

My students continue their mastery of Microsoft Office. They are really getting into Excel as we develop a "make-up" restaurant and keep track of all of the finances. Soon, the students will pick their own topic to make a PowerPoint presentation. It can be about a favorite car, sports team, hobby, etc. Room 12 will start their web pages next week, and then the rest of the classes will follow. We've also added a lot of new software to the machines across campus. One of the favorites is Hot Dog Stand, where the students can run an actual business selling hot dogs, buy inventory, set prices, and make (or lose) profits. It's a blast!