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We are Thankful

All the leaves are falling down – orange, yellow, red and brown.

While some of our earth-mates are carving turkeys and waiting for the Jack Frost to appear, here in Bermuda we are remembering our history. This month we celebrate the early settlers, those that discovered our beautiful island.

In Week 1 we will celebrate early Bermuda Settlers.



In Week 2 we will look at Ships and Shipwrecks.

In Week 3 we will explore the reasons why we are thankful and what we are thankful for.

In week 4 we will finish up the month by talking about healthy foods just in time as we prepare to enter the Christmas season next month which is full of sweets and other goodies.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

December 22 to January 5, 2015 - School closed for Christmas Break.

Communication Books

The Onionpatch Academy Communication books are on sale for \$20. Effective 1 November we will no longer use personal notebooks to communicate the daily activities of students. Please see your child's teacher to purchase a book.

Uniforms

Uniforms have been ordered and will take approximately 3-4 weeks to arrive. In the meantime, students are permitted to wear long sleeve white or navy blue shirts under their short sleeve logo shirts if the weather gets cool. Uniforms are mandatory.

The OPA hotline number is 291 6466

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

***Olivia Carreiro * Dylan Tuckett ***

Alex Oldham-Llorens * Maddox White

Events

November 5th - Bermuda National Gallery @ 9:45am (Green Onions-Ms. Nakia's Class)

November 6th - Fire Station @ 2:30pm (Green Onions, Pearl Onions 1 & 2)

November 11th - Remembrance Day holiday. School closed.

November 12th - Bermuda National Gallery @ 9:45am (Pearl Onions 1-Ms. Danelle's Class)

November 13th - Windreach @ 9:30am (Whole School except Baby Onions Class)

November 14th - Scholastic Book Orders are Due

November 19th - Bermuda National Gallery @ 9:45am (Pearl Onions 2-Ms. Veronica's Class)

November 27th - Thanksgiving Day

Friday Hot Lunches



November 7 - Hotdog with carrot sticks

November 14 - Beef stew and rice

November 21 - Chicken nuggets and French fries

November 28 - Turkey with mac & cheese and broccoli

Cost: \$10.00 per lunch
\$40.00 Monthly Total

Child Development

"Earlier is not better. All children accomplish milestones in their own way, in their own time." - Magda Gerber

Have you ever compared your child's behavior, academic progress or social skills with a sibling, or your friend's children? Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity. BUT it's hard to resist as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers.

When you were a child in school you probably compared yourself to your schoolmates. Your teachers may not have graded you, but you knew who the smart kids were and where you ranked in the pecking order.

Now that you have kids of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behavior of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child's progress? Or perhaps you compare your child to yourself at the same age?

Benchmarking children's progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use. Kids develop at their own rates.

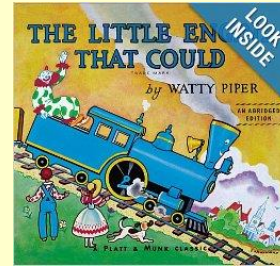
Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. It's the first group that can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends' kids and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child's improvement and effort and use your child's results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development.

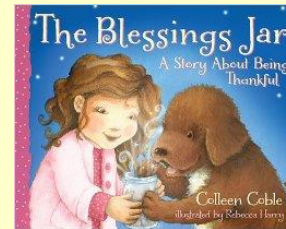
Parents should take pride on your children's performance at school. Seeing your child do well is one of the unsung pleasures of parenting. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones such as, taking their first steps, learning a letter or being potty trained.

There are numerous guides online regarding developmental guidelines for further information. Students at Onionpatch are assessed on a regular basis and this assists teachers in guiding instruction so the child's needs are met. Developmental screenings are conducted by the trained staff at the Department of Child Development for children ages 24-30 months.

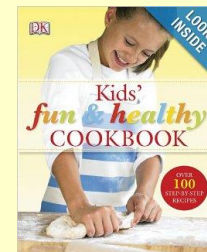
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Take Control of You

"We are in control of our own destiny. If we can no longer change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves" (Viktor Frankl).

Covey Connection:

- Encourage your child to be proactive by picking up toys and clothes
- Help with dinner
- Help get clothes and school bag ready the night before
- Feeding your pet without being asked