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Fall Fun



Fall is a wonderful time when we can witness the beauty God gives us. Leaves change color and orchards are full of apples and pumpkins. In October we focus on fantastic fall fun.

In Week One we celebrate the Harvest Happenings of the season.

In Week Two we will explore Fall on the farm.

In Week Three we look at Fall in the City

In Week Four we will be learning about fire safety.

We start off Week Five at the end of Week Four with our "Character book parade" to close out the fall activities.

NOTICES

Emergency Communication: In light of recent Tropical Storm Gabrielle, we have implemented an OPA hotline which can be reached via land line or cell phone. This hotline will provide up to date information on school closures as well as general information. General information will be updated weekly and parents can access the new information any time after Sundays at 6pm.

The OPA hotline number is 291 6466

Parent Student Enrollment Incentive Plan: Parents you asked for it and we have listened. We wish to acknowledge the hard work that parents are doing on our behalf to promote the wonderful work we are doing at Onionpatch. As of October 1, 2013 we will implement an incentive program for parents who recommend Onionpatch to a friend or family member. If the student is enrolled with us, you will receive 10% discount on that month's tuition.

Please see Mrs. Nakia for further information.

New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

William Pemberton
Alyssa Penrose



Upcoming Birthdays

October 1st – Austin Frank

October 12th - William Basden

October 15th - Ms Tannel

October 17th – Chaise Pimental

Upcoming Events

October 8th – Police Demonstration.
Preschoolers Only.

October 8th (Toddlers)/**9th** (Preschoolers) –
Windreach Field trip. Parent support will be
needed.

October 10th – Parent Teacher meeting at
6pm to be held in St. Pauls Church Hall. Light
refreshments will be served.

October 25th - Character Book Parade

November 8th – OPA White Elephant Sale.
More information will be posted soon

Friday Hot Lunches



October 4 – Chicken Fried Rice
October 11 – Fun Shaped Pasta in Tomato Sauce
October 18 – Chicken Burgers and Apple Sticks
October 25 – Pizza

Cost: \$8.00 per lunch
\$32.00 Monthly Total

ROUTINES

Creating a homework space for your child

Many parents and children have a range of positive and negative feelings about homework: "It is too much or too little; too easy or too hard; takes up too much time and family time is already precious." Give your child a chance to voice his concerns, if any, and then help him move forward in a positive direction. The pluses are that completing homework allows children an opportunity to learn to organize their time, work independently and extend learning from the school day.



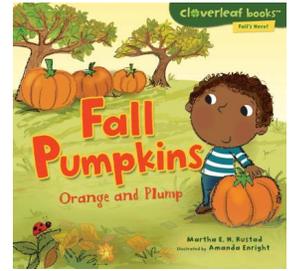
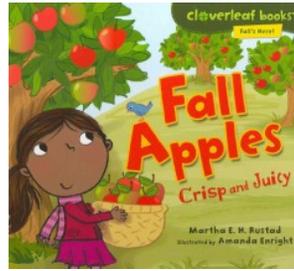
Even as young as 1 year old, parents can help children get ready for homework by creating a space that conveys the message that homework is important and here are the supplies to make it easier. Creating a homework space sends the message that you believe homework is important. For younger children especially, find a space where it is easy for you to be close-by and provide homework help. This could be a corner of the kitchen table where your child works while you clean-up from dinner with supplies kept in a reachable kitchen cabinet and taken out or put away as needed. As children get older, having a desk in their bedroom which is theirs alone or they share with a sibling may work better. Make sure you peek your head in periodically to help your child stay focused and to offer encouragement.

Make a school supply shopping list and have your child help you select the items from the store shelves. Decorate a box or container with stickers or get a pencil case with their favorite character on it to house their school supplies.

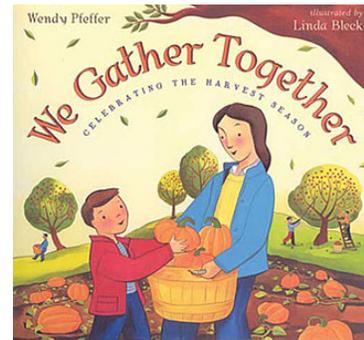
Develop a routine so the homework is done at the same time each night and create a reward for completing the work and doing their best.

Remember that your support will help motivate your kids to do homework. Consider sitting at the table with your child after dinner and working alongside her, finishing some of your own work. The skills your child learns in taking responsibility to complete homework can have a lifetime impact.

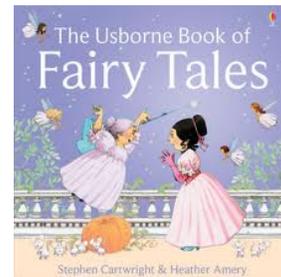
LITERACY



By: Martha Rustad



By: Wendy Pfeffer



By: Usborne Books



7 HABITS AT OPA

What I am looking for is not out there, it is within me. - Helen Keller

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.