Friday 26th April, 2013

English
Over weeks 1 and 2 we have been doing some wonderful diary writing about our holiday and weekends. We have also started doing some exciting activities during Learning Centres, such as sound/letter bingo, alphabet puzzles, syllables, rhyming snap just to name a few! We are continuing to learn about the letters of the alphabet by practicing writing letters in our handwriting books. We have also been doing some super language experiences such as making balloon rockets and other things that move to help us develop our language skills and topic vocabulary.

Numeracy
Throughout weeks 1 and 2, students have continued to develop their counting skills and begun learning strategies for addition. During week 3, we will be focusing on ways of counting such as ‘counting all’ and ‘counting on’ using lots of fun things to help us such as magnetic fish, marbles and dominos. The focus of week 4 will be learning about number lines and how they can help us to solve addition problems. We will also be learning about other strategies we can use to solve addition problems such as using picture stories.

DIARY DATES
- Pupil Free Day: Wednesday 1st May. Students do not attend school.
- PREP INFORMATION NIGHT! If you have a child starting prep in 2014 or know someone who does, please come along to our information night. It will be held on Wednesday 15th May in the Gallery at 7pm. Child minding will be provided in the Community Centre. Hope to see you there!
- MOTHER’S DAY STALL: Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9th May, 2013. We have some lovely gifts for purchase on the day for $5 only. Helpers are required on the day. If you can spare some time, please leave your name at the School Office.

Developmental Curriculum
We have some very exciting activities planned for week 3 and 4 in Investigation Time. In the sensory area, students will have the opportunity to use play dough to make a moveable object. In the reading corner, students will learn the difference between letters, pictures, words and sentences. On the writing table, students have the opportunity to chose a career and construct a sentence about their chosen one. In the numeracy area, students will explore how to group objects in different ways keeping the same total number. Students will also have an opportunity to create an underwater collage using different materials. In the dramatic play area we will be introducing a science lab for students to role play being a scientist or professor. In the construction corner, students will use their problem solving skills to plan and build an object that helps move two teddies from one area to another over water!

Parent Tip
Student Absences
If your child is absent from school, you can ring our school on 9702 8688 and leave a message with the office staff to let the teacher know that your child will be away. If you are unable to contact the school on the day of your child’s absence, we ask that you supply your child’s teacher with a note stating why your child was away.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Prep Team.
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