Friday 15th February, 2013

Developmental Curriculum
The next couple of weeks have some exciting activities planned! In the sensory area, students will have the opportunity to practise the letters a, b, c, d, e, f, g and h by painting them outside with water. In the reading corner, students will practise recognising the first letter of their own name and also their friends. Students can practise writing their names on ‘I can…’ posters, at the writing table. In the numeracy area, students can read numbers on cups and fill the cup with the correct number of objects. Students will have an opportunity to make a ‘mini me’ at the collage table. They can continue to explore the construction area and home corner that we have provided.

English
We have been focusing on exposing students to a letter of the alphabet per day. So far, we have looked at Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg and Hh. In the next two weeks we will focus on Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm and Nn. We will be participating in Language Experiences based around the letter of the day that expose students to a range of topic specific words.

Numeracy
So far, the students have been focusing on counting and forming numbers 1-5. We have been providing hands on tasks to encourage correct numeral formation. In the coming fortnight, students will be participating in hands on counting games and activities that focus on counting objects by touching each one, moving them away and/or placing them in a line. They will also be practicing recognising and writing numerals 1–10.

Reminders
- Students must be in full school uniform every day, including closed toed shoes. Broad rimmed / bucket hats are to be worn every day in Terms 1 and 4. Label ALL clothing, especially hats and jumpers! We also recommend that all students have a spare change of clothes top/underwear/pants/dress in their school bag just in case of an accident.
- If students have any art smocks and/or library bags at home, please bring them to school. Please ensure they are named and give them directly to the teacher when the children line up in the morning. Kilberry Valley Primary School bags given at the transition day last year or their ‘Welcome to School’ yellow bag can be used as a library bag.
- As well as a healthy snack, students also need a snack for recess at 11am and a sandwich/lunch order for 1.10pm. A healthy snack can be fresh fruit or raw vegetables.
- We encourage all students to bring a bottle of water to school everyday. Students can access this water when needed during the day. Teachers also encourage drinking water during class time.
- Students must be lined up with their class by the time the bell rings at 9am. If your child is late to school, please take them to the office to collect a ‘late pass’ and then escort them to their classroom.

Parent Tip
Minimising Stress – Tell children about what you’ll be doing during the day – they may wonder if Mum or Dad will be okay while they’re at school. Make sure the person collecting your child waits close to the classroom door and is on time. A few minutes waiting can be a long time for a young child. If you’re going to be delayed, let the school know and they will pass the message on to the classroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Prep Team.
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