Friday 1st March, 2013

**Developmental Curriculum**

The next couple of weeks have some exciting activities planned! In the sensory area, students will have the opportunity to use musical instruments to help them develop their understanding of syllables. In the reading corner, students may choose to practice recognising and matching upper and lower case letters. Students have the opportunity to use crayons and paints to paint letters and words at the writing table. In the numeracy area, students can choose to play the memory game, matching number cards and dot cards. Students will also have an opportunity to make a fire truck at the collage table. They can continue to explore the construction area and home corner that we have provided.

**English**

We have continued to focus on exposing students to a letter of the alphabet per day. So far, we have looked at Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm and Nn. In the next two weeks we will focus on Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu and Vv. 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 1-10. We have been providing hands on tasks to encourage recognition and understanding of these numbers. In the coming fortnight, students will continue to participate in hands on counting games and activities that focus on comparing and ordering groups of objects to develop an understanding of ‘more or less’ and ‘higher and lower’.

**REMINDERS**

- Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be conducted from 12th March until 22nd March. The online booking system is currently open. Ensure you have made a time to see your child’s teacher via the website. If you are having difficulty doing this, please come and see your child’s teacher.

**DIARY DATES**

- **School Photo Day:** Friday 8th March. Students are required to wear FULL school uniform on this day.
- **Labour Day Holiday:** Monday 11th March
- **Special Persons Day:** Wednesday 20th March, from 9:30am till 10:30am.

**Parent Tip**

**Canteen** – If you wish your child to buy something from the canteen at recess or lunch, we suggest to place the money in a named envelope and write the item s/he wishes to buy. This makes it much easier for your child when s/he goes to the canteen as sometimes they forget what to ask for. We also suggest that children do not share their money or the food they have purchased with other students. It is a great idea for older siblings to help when possible.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Prep Team.
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