Friday 15th 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 slime and find the hidden bugs as a sensory experience. In the reading corner, students will develop their knowledge of rhyme through playing word snap. Students have the opportunity to practise writing students’ names from their class at the writing table focusing on correct letter formation. In the numeracy area, students will explore the difference between big and small and long and short sizes through comparing objects. Students will also have an opportunity to explore the season of ‘autumn’, through themed activities at the collage table. In the home corner students will be introduced to bathing and dressing babies. Students will continue to be given the opportunity to create items related to people who help us in the community in the construction area.

English

We have continued to focus on exposing students to a letter of the alphabet per day. We have looked at most letters of the alphabet and will commence revising all the letters of the alphabet we have learnt this term. We will continue to participate in Language Experiences based around the alphabet as well as a range of literacy activities. We will also continue to read our mini-books and focus on learning how to read.

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 using tens frames, counting a group of objects using one-to-one correspondence and recognising numbers.

REMINdERS

- **School Website:** [www.kilberryypsvic.edu.au](http://www.kilberryypsvic.edu.au) Our school website is a useful resource. It has our school newsletters, learning links, photos and more! Make sure you check the website regularly so that you’re up to date with everything. If internet access is an issue for you, we have a computer in front of the office that you can access!

DIARY DATES

- **Special Persons Day:** Wednesday 20th March. Grade 6 students will be stationed outside each classroom to assist each guest to ‘sign in’ outside the classroom door. Teachers will invite guests in from 9:30am until 10:30am. We are looking forward to this special day!
- **Last Day of Term 1:** Thursday 28th March. We will finish at 2:30pm so please arrange for your child to be picked up at this time.

Parent Tip

Junior school assemblies are held once a fortnight on Friday at 2.45pm in the New Gymnasium. At these assemblies rewards such as Student of Week are presented. You will know if your child has been selected to be Student of the Week in their class if their name is in the weekly whole school newsletter. This newsletter can be viewed online by visiting our website. You can also subscribe to the whole school newsletter and the prep newsletter to receive them via your email! Parents are more than welcome to attend the junior school assembly.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Prep Team.
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