Friday 10th May, 2013

English
During this term we have been practising our writing by recounting what we have done on the weekend. We are also settling in to our Learning Centres and have been doing great activities such as sound games, alphabet match and guided reading. We are continuing to learn about the letters of the alphabet by practising writing letters in our handwriting books. We are also starting to introduce students to their golden words which means they will be writing beautiful sentences in no time!

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 dominoes. 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.

Developmental Curriculum
We have some fantastic experiences planned for the preps in week 5 & 6. In the sensory area, students will be exploring the concept of floating and sinking in the water tub. On the writing table they will be working on their sentence writing focusing on the placement of capital letters and full stops. Our numeracy area will see the students investigating shapes as well as an introduction to length. Keeping with the same topic students who visit the construction area will be constructing creations with blocks of different shapes and also seeing how tall and long they can make their constructions!

DIARY DATES
- **Friday 24th May:** Pupil Free Day. Students do not attend school.
- **Wednesday 15th May:** 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 in the Gallery at 7pm. Child minding will be provided in the Community Centre. Hope to see you there!
- **Wednesday 15th May:** Billy Carts Incursion. Students are to wear full school uniform.
- **Friday 17th May:** Kilberry Community Library Session. We would like to invite parents with preschool children aged between 3-5 years old to attend a Story Time session and general book browsing in our school library. Sessions run from 3:00pm—3:25pm. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult during the sessions.

Parent Tip
Anything that you can do at home to reinforce the topics that we are focussing on this fortnight, would be an advantage to your child.
Please remember to provide a complete clean change of clothes for your child in their school bag. Sometimes accidents do happen, which is increased by the wetter weather arriving in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Prep Team.
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