

# Pine Class Newsletter

## January, 2018



*The greatest sign of success of a teacher is to be able to say, the children are now working as if I did not exist. – Maria Montessori*

Our Kindergarteners will engage in reading with “If you Give a Mouse a Cookie” by Laura Numeroff. They will study Journeys Lesson 12 on Weather and poetry on weather.

Our First Graders will engage in reading with Journeys Lessons 13 on Seasons, an informational text on cause and effect. They will also study Journeys Lesson 15 Animal Groups and Animal Picnic, an informational text to teach compare and contrast.

Our Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders will continue reading and building words using our Montessori Materials; Moveable Alphabet & Waseca Towers.



### [ACADEMICS]

#### Math Curriculum:

Our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be learning static and dynamic addition using golden bead materials. They will learn their addition facts and will be working with the properties of addition. Likewise, they will be learning to subtract using golden bead materials. In measurement and data, our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be learning to measure objects to nearest inch and compare/order using a third object. They will use the data collected to graph and explain the results.

Our Kindergartners will learn making 10's, static addition with golden beads materials, addition memorization and addition word problems. Similarly, they'll be learning to measure the length objects using non-standards units and compare their weight. They'll also sort and classify objects into different categories.

#### Writing Curriculum:

Our Kindergartners will continue writing narratives using high frequency words.

Our First graders will continue to use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate an event, the order in which it occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened using frequently occurring nouns and verbs.

### Science:

Our Kindergartners students will learn: Week 1: Life Science- Life; Montessori Lesson; Living and Nonliving.

Montessori Lessons: Parts of a Plant

Montessori Lessons: Parts of a Leaf

Montessori Lessons: Parts of a Flower

Our first graders learned the Week 5 Montessori Lesson of the Earth-Space-Science Earth's Oceans and the Week 6 Montessori Lesson of Earth-Space-Science Weather. We also celebrated Science Week by visiting other classrooms and enjoying their science experiment presentations. We presented our own science project on Static Electricity.

Looking ahead in Jan, our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will learn:

Montessori Lessons: Life Science Living Things

Montessori Lessons: Parts of a Plant

Montessori Lessons: Parts of a Leaf



### Social Studies:

Our Kindergartners will be learning about the World Map, North America Map and Flags of North America using our Montessori Puzzles and flags.

Our First Graders will be learning Studies Weekly Week 7 "What is History?" They will also be learning the Montessori Lesson on the Passage of Time on Earth. Additionally, they will be learning Studies Weekly Week 9 "Past, Present and Future."

### Spelling – First Graders ONLY!

Please continue helping our 1<sup>st</sup> graders with their spelling list every week.

**"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." – Maria Montessori.**

### Reminders:

- Please check and empty folders daily.
- Return all important papers as soon as you can.
- Please remember to pack a small bottle of water for your child.
- Remember to call with any questions or concerns you may have.
- Please practice the sight words list every day.
- Complete the I-Ready assignments as requested:  
M/W: Reading 30 min.  
T/Th: Math 30 min.

### Important Dates:

I-Ready Testing at school – Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup>- Martin Luther King Day- NO SCHOOL  
1/25 – Report Cards sent home  
1/30 – Open House (New Families) 6:30 P.M.

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