



PRESCHOOL News

Fall 2022/2023

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TUSD SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Notes & Reminders

- ✓ Please make sure we have an extra set of weather appropriate clothes for your child in the classroom.
- ✓ **Parent Teacher Conferences**
November 10th
- ✓ **No School**
November 10 & 11th
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Break**
Nov 21-25th



Raising A Reader

- ✓ Raising A Reader Book Exchange Program starts in October/November.
- ✓ Please read to your child every day for 15-20 minutes.



Welcome to the School Readiness Preschool Program Quarterly Newsletter! The Preschool Program is off to a great start for the 2022-2023 school year. Children are settling in and are enjoying their preschool experiences. The time that children spend at preschool is precious, and a very important period in their lives. We are honored you chose us to spend this special time with your children. Our priorities are to create a safe and caring environment for the children where they can learn through play and have an opportunity to grow developmentally, as well as socially and emotionally. It is our objective to help each child feel that he or she is valued as a member of the school community where they know they are special and unique. Your children are encouraged to learn at their own pace and are offered fun experiences to develop their skills and knowledge. We encourage open communication and appreciate you sharing any comments, questions, and concerns you might have with us!

PRESCHOOL STAFF

North



Mrs. Silva, Miss Yesenia, Mrs. Otto

Villalovoz



Mrs. Lolita, Mrs. Rebeca, Ms. Limi

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Mrs. Elena Sanchez

South West Park PM



Ms. Vivian, Mrs. Rodriguez, Ms. Mari

A note from our Preschool Director:



Rocio Garcia

Hello! My name is Rocio Garcia, and I am the School Readiness Program Specialist. I have 16 years of teaching experience with specialized training in Early Education. In 2012, I completed my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. I started my position as Preschool Director in 2017 and am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with your children! When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling to exciting new places, and going on fun adventures with my puppy. I am looking forward to a wonderful year together!

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Fall 2022/2023

North Preschool

Our preschoolers are working hard at learning classroom norms and expectations as well as the overall routine structure. They are coming to preschool ready to learn! They have been practicing what it means to be responsible, respectful, and safe ~ with eyes that are watching, ears that are listening, quiet voices and a calm body. For example, the children are learning to self-regulate their feelings in the classroom's Calming Area. The Calming Area materials are to enhance their social/emotional development.

Students are engaging with many opportunities to learn. The children are learning about their peers, the diversity of their families, and traditions. The children drew pictures that represented their families and shared them with their classmates. We are focusing on our STEM A unit and learning about the importance of keeping our environment clean. One way to do that is by learning about recycling and reusing common household items and turning them into creative art projects.



South/West Park Preschool

We are talking about the Fall season and how the weather conditions are beginning to change. We are also learning all about apples and how they grow. We are exploring and tasting different kinds of foods that are made with apples such as apple sauce & apple juice. Students have been comparing red, green and yellow apples and discovering which ones they like best. At the end of the month, we will complete a graph for our math lesson by counting apples and seeds.

The students had fun experimenting with STEM using different measuring tools to measure, count, and report how long various objects were.



Villalovoz Preschool

Villalovoz preschoolers are having so much fun getting to know all their new preschool friends. Students have been enjoying practicing their numbers, letters, shapes and colors while exploring new materials such as markers, shaving cream, sand, and paints. They have been learning so much about each other and recently made bracelets out of their favorite-colored pipe cleaners. We are very happy to offer STEM in our program, the students are exploring and experiencing science. We are practicing the importance of recycling along with enjoying coding with KIBO. KIBO is an easy and fun way to bring robotics and coding to your children. Finally, we have been enjoying celebrating the Fall season and loved seeing our friends dressed up in their favorite costumes!



Parent Handbook Reminder

Attendance Policy

Please complete the Learning Genie Health Card or call the preschool attendance office at 209-830-3355 to report your child's absence. If a child has more than ten unexcused absences during the year, the parent will be sent a Notice of Action removing the child from the program. Preschool classes usually have a long waiting list, and it is our goal to enroll students who will attend class every day so they can get the greatest benefit from our program.

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning. Children missing just 10% of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can:

- make it harder to develop early reading skills,
- make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade,
- develop a poor attendance pattern that is hard to break.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The first Parent Teacher Conferences of the school year are scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 10th. There will be no preschool this day. Teachers will discuss the progress of your child's physical, cognitive, and social and emotional development during the conference.



A big thank you for bringing your children to preschool every day! ☺

Please continue to report your child's absence by completing the Health Card on Learning Genie or calling the Preschool Attendance Office at 209-830-3355.



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