

October

HELLO EVERYONE

We have had a wonderful first month of school together. The children have jumped right into their work and they have enjoyed learning new things. We are very excited for the fall season. We have planned fun activities to do with the children this month.

SCHOOL SPIRIT



The T-Shirts and Sweatshirts have been ordered. We are expecting them here Monday, October 9th, 2017.



October 3rd Ms. Terry
October 11th- Ms. Reina
October 21st- Ms. Vanessa
October 29rd- Ms. Mahealani
We hope you ladies have a wonderful birthday! Thank you for all that you do for NVM



HALLOWEEN

Redwood & Birchwood will be learning about mask's and how masks have been used throughout culture and history. The Elementary Students will be creating masks using a variety of mediums.

Please do not send your child to school in a costume.

Although we will not be dressing up for Halloween we will have goody bags for the children. If you would like to contribute, please let us know. Please stop by to see their beautiful masks.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Picture Day



Picture Day is Wednesday, October 25th, 2017.

If you want to put your child in nice clothing but you do not want him or her to get dirty please pack an extra outfit that your child can change into after pictures.



Field Trip

We will be leaving for the field trip at 9:30AM and coming back to school at 12:00 noon.

We will be going to the Stanly Pumpkin Patch October 18th, 2017. Please be sure that your child brings a car seat, dresses in layers and has sun screen on and tennis shoes for the field trip.

If you are a chaperone please be sure to fill out the appropriate paper work and send it to the office.

This Month...

Science



We will study layers of the earth, kinds of volcanoes, and rocks.

Math

Our children are doing a lot of challenging math works as well as reviewing addition. The children are also learning about Algebra, they have enjoyed discovering the unknown. All of the kids are finding math to be Fun!

Reading

Reading partners have been established. Additionally, each child reads to Ms. Mahealani daily. With writing coming before reading, we also have language boxes for writing, spelling, and reading.

POETRY

Beginning last month, our children have been writing lovely poems. Using the thesaurus, I introduced more colorful language which has influenced their writing as well as verbal language. We will continue combining writing with art.

Art & Music

Lovely music is heard as we engage in Daily Draw. At least 15 minutes a day is spent on drawing in their Daily Draw books. Sharing our work is a choice, and special pens and colored pencils are used. My biggest hope for them is to carry this on into their adult lives. Taking the time to disconnect from the world and create. It truly is good for their soul!



Community Building



A goal for the Redwood class, includes our students reading to the children in the Primary classroom every Wednesday at 11:00. Our children choose the book they'd like to share and they practice reading it to each other. They've also learned to "read" the story by looking at the illustrations and gaining an understanding regarding what the story is about. We are fortunate to have lovely picture books that encourage our children to want to read and have a love of reading. I just beam with pride as I watch my students read to the primary students. It not only teaches my students about kindness but it also teaches them leadership skills.



Connecting School to Home

Redwood's connection from school to home last month was about the celebration of *fall* and the change of season. The children went on walks with their family, and proudly shared their found objects which we called nature's gifts. Their finds are now a part of our classroom and they have the freedom to explore these objects throughout the day. We will continue to add more natural materials to our classroom.



Thank you Faraha for the delicious homemade cornbread that you made for the children. It was delicious and it was perfect to have with our apple cider!

Spotlight

*Fall Poem
by Armaan*

*Napping with soft flannel sheets
on my bed
People come to visit
We offer them biscuits and hot chai
Super hero pants and shirt that
matches
I put them on to keep warm.*

Happy Birthday Amaya!

B I R C H W O O D

This Month Science



The five animal kingdoms.

Math

Place values

Rounding

Multi digit addition & subtraction

Intro to word problems

History

and

Geography



Native American across the United States

Writing

Opinion Writing

Mastering brainstorming and outlines

Reading

Story Elements

Introduction to book reports



Grammar

Review: Parts of speech, punctuation.

Project

based

learning

Creating a Comic book- integrating story elements, art, organization and collaboration

Native American Project- Fundamental needs.

Goodbye

Keerat, Best of luck to you and all of your endeavors!



Library

Our classroom library is very limited. We need new books or bi-weekly library visits to fill our shelves with new books. The Birchwood class is using the Stanford University Reading book list. Please let Ms. Destiny know if you would like to donate books or if you can make a library trip. Ms. Destiny has a list of books.

Wish List

- Empty Cereal boxes for book reports
- Winter fruit & vegetable seeds
- Organic soil
- Grocery paper bags

Seven

Habits of Happy Kids

Birchwood will be reading "The Seven habits of Happy Kids." By Sean Covey. They will read the fun stories and learn how to apply these seven habits in their daily lives.

