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## October Skipper 2021

### PRE-K 3

During the month of October, our Pre-K 3 friends will continue to work on classroom and bathroom routines.

We will be wrapping up our unit "Awesome Me" and moving into the unit "My Family and Friends."

During October we have two exciting visitors. Both the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department will be visiting.

### PRE-K 4

Our PreK Friends have been doing a wonderful job learning school routines and making new friends. During the beginning of October, we will be finishing Unit 1, School and Friends. Later in October, we will begin Unit 2, Our Environment. This unit starts close to school and home with investigations of the outdoors and familiar environments. Then, the focus shifts to the more exotic environment of the coral reef. Children will be engaging in the processes of predicting, observing, and recording through drawing and emergent writing.

Verbal counting and the counting of objects will contribute to comparisons of items in a group. Children will also compare and contrast 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Children will continue to build on their knowledge of classroom rules and behavior expectations as they interact with peers.



## KINDERGARTEN

- Starting October 4th we will be exploring colors. Please use our color calendar (in Classdojo) to have your child dress in the color of the day as we review with songs, poems, and art.
- On October 8th we will be taking our Kindergarten Field Trip to Wright's Market Pumpkin Patch. Please review with your child field trip expectations.
- In ELA we will begin to read, write, and recognize kindergarten sight words. We will also be reading about colors and fall favorites. In reading we will be studying characters in our kindergarten favorite books. As **Mathematicians** we will begin using Dreambox as a learning program in the classroom. We will be exploring various math tools.

-The Kindergarten Team

### Reminders:

-Classdojo is our main source of communication. Please check it daily for updates.

-Please send your child to school every day with a filled reusable water bottle.

-Please review the yellow sight words nightly with your child."

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday
4 Launch Colors theme	5 red	6 orange	7 yellow	8 Field trip to Wright's
11 green	12 blue	13 purple	14 black	15 No school
18 white	19 pink	20 brown	21 Favorite color	22

## FIRST GRADE

- 1st grade math: As we immerse in Unit 1, students will continue to practice adding and subtracting within 20 as well as extending the counting sequence. Students will represent and interpret data by using appropriate tools strategically.
- 1st grade science: Students will continue to learn about scientific observations. Students will complete observations with daylight.
- First Grade Reading: We have had a great start to our school year in first grade! In reading students will continue to develop their phonics skills through reading and writing. We will continue to develop our comprehension skills using our Interactive Read Alouds as well as Shared Readings. We will begin meeting in small groups this month to better support our student's needs. Please continue to utilize iReady at home to help reinforce important literacy skills as well as complete their nightly reading. We will also be sending home weekly sight words to practice at home. Please reach out to your reading teacher with any questions.

## SECOND GRADE

**Reading, Writing and Language:** Second graders have been learning school routines and all about PBIS and DOJO. They have worked with short vowels, blends, diagraphs and silent e. The boys and girls have enjoyed stories about friendship and caring for each other. They have shared their reading in their readers' notebooks and are using the writing process to write narratives. The students are looking forward to October's opportunities 😊.

**Math:** During the first month of school, second graders have been building math routines and community. In the last few weeks our focus of study has been on number lines, coins, number grids, and building fluency.

**Science:** During these past few weeks, second graders have been exploring what it means to be a scientist. Students have been exploring the natural world around them and making observations using their five senses. Also, students have been able to distinguish the difference between what is matter and what is not matter, as well as be able to classify materials by their properties.

## SPECIAL AREAS

**Media** We will be learning and reading books about Native Americans in honor of Indigenous People's Day. We will continue to talk about book care and rules and manners in the media center.

**Music** PreK3 and PreK4 have been busy learning all about the music room! They have been practicing music routines and learning how to play instruments such as egg shakers and rhythm sticks! I can already hear some great singers!

Kindergarten is building a music farm! So far, they have added the duck and hen to the music farm. Each animal has a special instrument to play, such as the rhythm sticks and hand drums, as well as a special song or dance like the Chicken Dance. I am looking forward to teaching my newest musicians how to play instruments, sing, and dance with each new animal on our music farm!

First Grade Musicians have been learning to play a plethora of instruments in the music room! The musicians have performed on triangles, cowbells, tambourines, and cabasas to name a few. The first big concept is keeping a steady beat, which is the heartbeat of the music. I am proud the First Grade Musicians have been respectful to the instruments and focused on trying their best to play the beat!

Second Grade Musicians are off to a great start this year! I have been impressed with their ability to play the steady beat, especially on the tubano drums! With their steady beat improving every class, they have moved on to learning to sing solfege with hand signs and read simple music notation. I am excited to watch and hear them grow as independent musicians throughout the year!

## COUNSELING CONNECTION

October is Bullying Prevention Month, and FPS is planning a school-wide KINDNESS assembly on being a "Bucket Filler"! Students will also receive prizes throughout the school year for being and showing KINDNESS.





# October Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 A Day
4 B Day	5 C Day Spirit Day: Wear Red	6 D Day Spirit Day: Wear Orange Pre-K Music Therapy (Bisker, Harding, Anderton)	7 E Day Spirit Day: Wear Yellow	8 F Day Kindergarten Field Trip-Wright's Market
11 A Day Spirit Day: Wear Green Parent Conference Night	12 B Day Spirit Day: Wear Blue	13 C Day Spirit Day: Wear Purple Pre-K Music Therapy (Bisker, Harding, Anderton)	14 D Day Spirit Day: Wear Black PreK Field Trip-Wright's Market	15 <b>No School</b>
18 E Day Spirit Day: Wear White	19 F Day Spirit Day: Wear Pink	20 A Day Spirit Day: Wear Brown Pre-K Music Therapy (Bisker, Harding, Anderton)	21 B Day Spirit Day: Favorite color Fruitland Schools Sweet Frog Night	22 C Day
25 D Day	26 E Day Bookmobile day at FPS	27 F Day Pre-K Music Therapy (Bisker, Harding, Anderton)	28 A Day	29 B Day Character Day Parade

### General Reminders:

\*\*Daily COVID Screening Procedures- please be sure to screen your child for COVID symptoms prior to attending each in-person school day. The screening procedure can be found [here](#).

\*\*PARENTS!! You may want to consider Voluntary Student Accident Insurance (SAI) coverage for your child. There are many options available including 24-hour insurance coverage, school-time coverage, summer coverage and more. To learn about the coverages available and to enroll online, go to this Wicomico County Public Schools approved insurance agency: [Flyer](#)

\*\*We are inviting parents to be involved in our PBIS (Positive Behavior Program). As a parent member you will only be asked to attend 1 meeting. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested. We are excited to create a sense of community, not only among our staff and students, but our families as well.