

The Vaquita Vine

September 2025

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Important Dates:

- **9/11** - CSA & Charyl Stockwell birthday
- **9/12** - CSA Spirit Wear Day: "Dive" into a good book - beach themed or CSA spirit wear shirt
- **9/17** - Picture Day
- **9/18** - Picture Day (make-ups)
- **9/21** - Color Run at Settler Park
- **9/22** - Field Trip to Spicers
- **9/26** - Spirit Wear Day: new theme shirt or any CSA spirit wear shirt
- **9/26** - Rollerama

Family Scrapbook Page:

Don't forget to complete and send in your child's family scrapbook page. This page and directions were included in the Open House folder. We will be sharing these at our morning meeting and putting them together in a book that will be kept in our classroom on display for others to admire. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need another page sent home.

Family Project

Don't forget to complete and send in your child's alphabet letter for our class made alphabet. This project came home in your child's Open House folder. We will be sharing these at Morning meeting and will hang them up as a reference in formation and identification to learn from the entire year! Thank you for your support!

September Highlights:

Science/Social Studies

- Introduction to our unit of study: How do scientists learn about the natural world?
- Apple investigations: apple sink or float and making applesauce!
- Sharing our hopes and dreams for the year, and using these as a foundation for our class constitution
- Learning about the history of John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) and reading some of his tall tales
- Using a map to see where Johnny Appleseed lived and traveled to in the United States

Math

- Practicing counting to 100
- Completing beginning of the year math assessments
- Creating and identifying AB and ABC patterns
- Composing and decomposing, writing, and forming numerals 1-10
- Launching Math workshop routines

Reading

- Practicing Making Great Readers sounds (letter sounds and learning the BETTER alphabet song)
- Building phonemic awareness skills with rhyming, counting syllables and words and listening for beginning and end sounds
- Launching Literacy Workshop (practicing making letters, spelling our names and reading familiar nouns)

Writing

- Practicing our handwriting skills beginning with the 'sky dive' lowercase letters (l t k j)
- Putting our ideas on paper by drawing pictures and/or writing letters/words
- Working on refining our pencil grip: Tripod or Quadraped grip

Tuesday Folders:

Every Tuesday your child will bring home a Tuesday folder. Please be sure to check their backpacks upon arriving home each Tuesday for their Tuesday folder. It will contain important information from the school or the classroom alone. Please return the folder the following day. Also, please use this folder to return any forms that need to be handed to me such as permission slips, notes, and/or returning projects we may be working on throughout the year. Thank you!

Donations:

We could use donations of white card stock, ziplock bags (sandwich and gallon size), and pony beads.



Character Corner:

At CSA, Smart Character Choices are an important part of our daily curriculum. Through family meetings and daily practice, we give students the tools they need to be confident, successful, and to advocate for themselves. Even in Kindergarten, we are working to empower students to make choices that are safe for themselves and for those around them. During the first week of school, we introduced a special space in our classroom called the Safe Zone. This is an area where children can go if they are feeling overwhelmed, tired, upset, or just need a quiet moment. The Safe Zone is very different from a "time-out." It is not a punishment, but rather a place for reflection, calming down, and preparing to rejoin the group when ready. The Safe Zone is equipped with tools to help children self-calm and take deep breaths. Sometimes, the teacher may check in with a child there and work together to create a plan for success in future activities. We are excited to give our students this safe and supportive tool as they learn to manage their emotions and take ownership of their choices. Ask your learner to tell you about the Safe Zone, how to use it, and where it is located in our classroom!

Parent Partnership:

We are on the lookout for parent helpers! If you are interested in helping out in the classroom please make sure to email me or fill out the volunteer google form linked in my weekly email updates. You must also complete a background check form and turn it into the front office with a copy of your driver's license.

What are we looking for:

- *Primary Classroom Representative* (plan parties & attend parent council meetings)
- *Secondary Classroom Representative* (plan parties and sometimes attend parent council meetings)
- *Beluga Ball Fundraiser Representative* (help create projects for our school wide auction, attend monthly Beluga Ball meetings)
- *Tuesday Folder Helper* (stuff folders each Tuesday)
- *Quality Work Portfolio Parent* (monthly/bi-weekly help to prepare Quality Work Binders throughout the year)
- *Individual or Small Group Student Support* (reading with students, practicing letters, counting, etc.)

Field Trip to Spicers

Permission slips will be coming home this week in your child's Tuesday folder. We will be visiting Spicer's Apple Orchard. This program takes students on an exciting tour of the farm, including a wagon ride, apple and pumpkin picking, enjoying a snack of cider and doughnuts as well as gross motor exploration on the playground.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please make sure you stop by the front office to have the paperwork filled out for a background check. This needs to be filled out ASAP to be completed in time and a copy of your driver's license is needed.

The field trip will take place on **Monday, September 22nd at 9:30**. Students are to wear their CSA uniform while on the field trip. We will be having snack before we leave and then return to CSA for our lunch time.

Please let me know if you have any questions! We are looking forward to this rich and exciting learning experience with our kindergarteners.



Quality Work Binders:

Each year, we collect quality pieces of student work and store it in an art portfolio of sorts! This is something that will be sent home at the end of the year and is full of hard-work and art projects that your student did throughout the year! While some things will be sent home throughout the weeks in student's Tuesday Folders, a lot of pieces will be stored in this wonderful, memory-filled portfolio. If you have not already done so, please send in a 1.5 inch white binder by September 26th. Please email me with any questions!

Email Blasts:

Be on the lookout for weekly emails from me with a link for pictures from each month. I will also be sending out emails with up to date information in the way of calendars, reminders, CSA happenings, etc. If you don't receive an email from me by next Friday please let me know!



Label. Label. Label.

It is very important that you LABEL EVERYTHING you send to school that you intend to get back. When things are labeled other teachers can get them back to you but items without labels are taken to the giant lost and found by the gym. Please label every sweater, jacket, water bottle, ice pack, Tupperware piece, etc. Thank You!