

# THE SPOTTED SCOOP

## September 2025

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Please turn in field trip Forms ASAP
- Students need a pair of mark-free **Velcro** sneakers to keep in their cubby for gym.
- Please write your child's name in their sweaters, shoes, etc. in case they are lost.
- Background checks need to be turned in ASAP if you are joining us on the field trip. ☺

### DONATIONS

We could use donations of ziplock bags in sandwich, quart, and gallon size. **THANK YOU!!!!**

### LABELS

It is very important that everything you send to school that you intend to get back is labeled. 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, please, please label every single sweater, water bottle, ice pack, Tupperware piece, etc. Thank You!

### FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

This past week the Spotted kids have learned the routines and procedures of being in school. The students have been building confidence in their role as a learner in a classroom and working together on a class schedule rather than with 25 children each on their own individual schedules. We've also learned the basics of procedures and routines such as lining up, sitting and listening on the carpet, getting materials, safety drills, etc. The children have made wonderful growth since the first day of school and I couldn't be prouder of them!

### SPICER'S FIELD TRIP

In your child's open house folder there was a permission slip for the field trip to Spicer's Apple Orchards on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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. **We can only accept two chaperones on the bus so please check with me if you are hoping to ride the bus. All other chaperones can meet us at Spicer's.** Please return the permission slip and money by **Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**The field trip will take place on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am.** We will be returning to CSA for our normal lunch time at school.

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

### EMAIL BLASTS

Please be on the look out this week for an email from me with a link for pictures from the month of September! I will also send out emails with up to date information in the way of calendars, reminders, etc. These emails typically come out on either Friday or Monday. If you do not receive an email from me by next Friday please let me know!

### BACKGROUND CHECKS

Please make sure to get your background checks in to the front office ASAP! They need about a week to process the background checks before you are able to volunteer in the classroom or come with us on a field trip. Please provide a copy of your driver's license along with the background check form.

Contact me by e-mail at [ahyska@csaschool.org](mailto:ahyska@csaschool.org)

# CHARACTER CORNER

At CSA our character program encompasses 6 different character traits that we teach our students in hopes that they use them to make friends and work together to solve problems. Kindness, Getting Along with Others, Work Ethic, Respect, Responsibility, and Optimism are the six character traits that we will learn about and use all year long. To kick the year off students are introduced to all of them however we will focus on showing kindness and getting along with others in the first week. We'll read plenty of good character education books around kindness and getting along with others as well as respect and responsibility and accepting no for an answer. Ask your child what books they've read in class.



## CAMP KINDERGARTEN FUN!

Camp Kindergarten was so much fun! I'm so glad so many Spotted Friends were able to come out to get a little taste of kindergarten this year. I can't wait to see us all together on the first day of school!



## IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Council Meeting - Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM @ CSAMS  
Charyl's birthday/CSA opening anniversary - Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Field Trip Forms are Due - Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Picture day - Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (school uniform required)  
Color Run at Settler's Park - Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Spicer's Field Trip - Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>  
CSA Rollerama Party - Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 1-4 PM  
Johnny Appleseed Day - Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Fire Fighter Visit - Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Council Meeting - Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at CSPA  
Mother Goose Olympics - Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Halloween Party - Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00-11:30AM

## TUESDAY FOLDERS

Please send your child's Tuesday Folder back to school each Wednesday morning. You can also return forms, notes, and other information to me via the Tuesday folder.

## QUALITY WORK BINDERS

For the first year ever I have a white quality work binder for each and every student before the first full week of school. Thank you so much Spotted parents for being on top of that! These binders will store your child's quality work all year. You will get them back in June as a curated collection of your child's classwork and photos throughout their young five's kindergarten experience.

# Spotted Class 2025-2026

Thank you so much for sharing your precious children with me this year! We are looking forward to a wonderful year just bursting with great friendships, fun adventures and new things to learn!



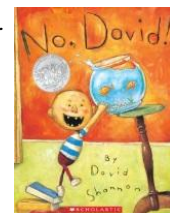
## EXPLORING FINE MOTOR

In preparation for our handwriting program, Handwriting without Tears, we have begun to work on building our fine motor skills through play dough, scissors, lego, and crayons. In the next few weeks we will begin working on writing our names but for now we are working on learning and using each other's names.



## CHARACTER BOOKS

This week we have talked about accepting "No" for an answer. Accepting "no" for an answer is an important social protocol that helps children understand and work within the social, physical, and emotional boundaries of others. It can also be a tricky skill for young children who already struggle with waiting and delayed gratification. To help teach children to accept "no" for an answer we read two books that put the power of "no" in their hands and help them to see that usually a "no" from a loving and responsible adult is intended to keep them safe, healthy and happy in the long run and not just to be mean or keep them from getting what they want. We read "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" by Mo Willems and "No David" by David Shannon to let them try on the power of "no" for themselves and experience the responsibility of keeping someone safe and the tiresome determination behind having to say "no" to someone over and over again. Your child should have brought home a "No David" puppet with which to practice accepting "no" for an answer over the weekend.



# PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We are on the lookout for parent helpers! If you are interested in helping out in the classroom please make sure to send in the blue helping hand form from your child's open house folder and complete the background check form and turn it into the front office with a copy of your driver's license.

Other ways that parents can help are:

- \*Beluga Ball representative or co-representatives
- \*Library volunteers
- \*Tuesday Folder helpers
- \*Special event helpers (see calendar)
- \*Parent council events - you can attend parent council meetings and help support events without being a parent council representative. ☺

## FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL PHOTOS

