



# The Bottlenose Beat

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## September Highlights:

### *Science and Social Studies*

- Introduction to our unit of study: How do scientists learn about the natural world?
- Apple investigations: apple sink or float experiment and applesauce making!
- Sharing our hopes and dreams for the year and using these as a foundation for our class promise
- 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 as a group
- 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 cards (identifying letter sounds and learning the BETTER alphabet song)
- Building phonemic awareness skills with rhyming, counting syllables and words, listening for beginning and end sounds
- Launching Literacy Workshop (practicing forming letters, spelling our names and familiar nouns)

### *Writing*

- Practicing our handwriting skills beginning with the "sky diver" lowercase letters (l, t, k, i, j)
- Putting our ideas on paper by drawing pictures and/or writing letters & words
- Working on refining our pencil grip: encouraging Tripod or Quadrupod grips

## Upcoming Important Dates

September 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent Council Meeting at CSAMS, 6pm

September 11<sup>th</sup> - CSA & Charyl's Birthday

September 12<sup>th</sup> - Beach-themed or CSA Spirit Wear Day (uniform bottoms required)

September 17<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day (uniforms required), Field Trip Permission Slip & Payment Due

September 18<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day Make-Up (uniforms required)

September 21<sup>st</sup> - Color Run at Settlers Park (festivities begin at 12:30pm, visit [www.csatuesdaytimes.com](http://www.csatuesdaytimes.com) to register)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Field Trip to Spicer Orchards

September 26<sup>th</sup> - CSA Spirit Wear Day (uniform bottoms required), Rollerama 1:00-4:00pm

October 1<sup>st</sup> - Morning Announcements in Bottlenose (make sure your child arrives on time to participate in this experience!)

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Parent Council Meeting at CSPA, 6pm

October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - No School for Students due to Comprehensive Student Reviews (**parent participation required on one of these days**; SignUpGenius link to pre-register for a time slot will be sent via email)

October 29<sup>th</sup> - Mother Goose Olympics Kindergarten Showcase & Book Fair 2:00 - 3:00 pm (**parent participation required**)

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Party (several parent volunteers will be needed for this event!)



Kaleb and Lilliana hard at work painting their name labels for our cubby toolboxes.





Evelyn Y., Ellie, Aiden, and Sam watercolor stars after reading Eric Carle's Draw Me a Star.

## Parent Partnership Project!

Later this month we will be sending home an alphabet letter in your child's Tuesday folder. We will share these creations at Morning Meeting and hang them up in the classroom as a year long reference of identification and proper formation. Thank you for your at-home support of our class made alphabet!



Paul and Thomas construct towers made of Lincoln Logs and Legos during Plan, Do, Review.



## Sharing (Show-and-Tell)

Part of our daily Morning Meeting routine will soon give your student the opportunity to 'share' an item from home with the class. Our sharing schedule will begin Monday, September 15th and can be found on the monthly calendar sent home in your child's Tuesday folder. This type of show and tell is a meaningful way for students to practice presenting and speaking in front of a group of peers as well as responding to relevant questions and comments.

## Character Corner

At CSA, Smart Character Choices are embedded into our daily curriculum. During family meetings and throughout the day, we give students the tools they need to be a confident and successful advocate for themselves! As early as kindergarten, we are working to empower students to make choices that are not only safe for themselves but also those around them. This week we will learn about our classroom Safe Zone - a place students can choose to go if they are feeling overwhelmed, tired, upset, sad, etc. Differing from a "time-out", Safe Zone is a place for reflection and getting ready to calmly rejoin the learning environment. This area is equipped with tools to help children regulate and take deep breaths if needed. It is also a place that the teacher may ask a student to visit if they need some time to reflect on their behavior. The teacher will then check in with the child and work together to make a plan for success in future activities.





## Field Trip to Spicer Orchards

We will be visiting Spicer Orchards in two weeks. This adventure takes students on an exciting tour of the farm and includes a wagon ride, apple and pumpkin picking, cider and doughnut snack 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 fill out the necessary paperwork for a background check (if you did not do this already at Open House). This needs to be done ASAP in order to receive clearance in time and will require a copy of your driver's license to be made.

An unlimited number of parent chaperones may drive themselves to the orchard and meet us there, however only two chaperone spots will be available on the bus. Please email me ([slambert@csaschool.org](mailto:slambert@csaschool.org)) to confirm your spot on the bus before checking the box on the permission slip.

Our field trip will take place on **Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will depart CSA at 9:15am and return for our regularly scheduled lunch time. Please return the permission slip and payment in a envelope with your child's name on it no later than **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions. We look forward to this rich and exciting learning experience as a kindergarten unit!



## Uniforms

Thank you for making sure your child is complying with our CSA dress code. Adhering to this policy is one way we are creating an atmosphere focused on student learning. Questions can be directed to our leadership team as we strive for greater consistency across all classrooms this year.

## Friendly Reminders

- \*Please send an extra set of clothing in a labeled gallon size Ziploc bag to leave in your child's cubby in the event of an accident.
- \*Send a water bottle your student can keep in his/her cubby each day for quick and easy water breaks.
- \*Label any outerwear your child brings to school as these items often get misplaced!
- \*Bring in a 4x6 family photo for our picture wall we're creating.
- \*Please return any classroom or office forms in your Tuesday folder or email me to check your learner's backpack if sending things in on days other than Wednesday.
- \*If you have not received a weekly email update from me, that means your information is not in PowerSchool and needs to be updated!
- \*Don't forget to send in or purchase a white 1 ½ binder from the Admissions Office. We will use these to store our quality art pieces and learning documentations throughout the school year.

## Morning Routine & Drop Off

The classroom door opens promptly at 8:15am. Thank you for making sure your child is on time each day for school. We begin cleaning up for Morning Meeting at 8:40 and don't want anyone to miss this important time of day! Any known absences, early pickups, and late arrivals can be emailed and will be shared with our Student and Family Office staff.



Katie practices 'read to self' during Literacy Workshop!