



The Bottlenose Beat

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October Learning Highlights:

Science and Social Studies

- Our focus this month will be on rhythm and traditions as we launch our unit on nursery rhymes in preparation for the Mother Goose Olympics
- We are learning the history of Mother Goose and will recite, recall and listen for the rhythm found in many of her rhymes
- We will continue asking/answering our essential question of "How do scientists learn about the natural world?" as we explore spiders (The Itsy Bitsy Spider), conduct some egg-citing experiments (Humpty Dumpty) and focus on using our five senses as we partake in fall nature walks, pumpkin investigations, and autumn leaf exploration
- A visit from local firefighters will lead our discussion about fire safety and best practices in the event of an emergency

Math

- Working on identifying, counting and forming numerals 1-10 from top to bottom with both accuracy and efficiency
- Reviewing and naming basic 2D shapes
- Continue practicing counting to 100 by 1's and the development of counting to any given number by 10's
- Evaluating AB and ABC patterns that can be seen, heard, and felt
- Introduction of new individual Montessori math works

Reading Comprehension and Phonemic Awareness

- Learning the habits of readers: pointing to the words and sharing ones we know with one another, acting out characters in popular stories, using our schema and pictures to talk about informational (non-fiction) texts, practicing retelling and stating facts from in class read alouds
- Discovering the roles of author and illustrator in a story, identifying the text, title, front and back of a book and left-to right progression when reading
- Listening for rhyme, beginning sounds, syllables and the manipulation of sounds during listening games
- Repeated practice of MGR sounds and letter identification

Upcoming Important Dates

- October 1st - Morning Announcements in Bottlenose (make sure your child is on time for school to participate in this exciting experience!)
- October 3rd - Alphabet Letters Due
- October 6th - Firefighter Safety Visit
- October 10th - CSA Spirit Wear Day (uniform bottoms required)
- October 13th - Parent Council Meeting at CSPA, 6:00pm
- October 23rd & October 24th - 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 27th - Morning Announcements in Bottlenose (make sure your child is on time for school to participate in this exciting experience!)
- October 29th - Picture Retake Day, Mother Goose Olympics & Literati Book Fair 2:00 - 3:00pm (**parent participation required**)
- October 30th - Decorate for the Halloween Party (please let me know if you are available to help after school this day!)
- October 31st - Halloween Party (several parent volunteers will be needed for this event!)
- November 6th - Evening 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 Learning Highlights Continued:

Writer's Workshop & Handwriting

- Encouraging proper pencil grasp for the correct formation of lowercase letters
- Stretching out words to write them and writing even hard to write ideas

Social/Emotional

- Initiating play with other students as we feel more comfortable with classroom routines and familiar faces
- Practicing how to respect other's feelings, spaces and ideas as well as how to encourage someone with a cheer, smile or compliment

Email Check

Are you receiving our weekly class emails? Would you like to add someone else to our email list? Important SignUpGenius links will be sent out soon - be sure I have your correct information so you don't miss out on anything!

Halloween Celebration

Our first classroom holiday party will be Friday, October 31st. Students are permitted and encouraged to dress in costume, keeping in mind that all attire should be school appropriate. Full face masks and anything deemed violent or gory will not be allowed. Consider having your student practice taking all costume apparel off independently at home in order to use the bathroom and sending in a full change of clothes in the event of a spill or becoming too warm.

Our party will consist of various gross and fine motor skills, art projects and snack stations. A SignUpGenius will be emailed out for station volunteers and most donation items but one easy way to help is by sending in \$3-\$5 to cover the cost of making this day fun and magical for everyone!



Aurora proudly explains the features of her favorite toy during Morning Meeting.

Sharing Schedule

Please see the printed October events and share calendar in your child's Tuesday folder. If a student forgets their item or is absent, they may take their turn the following school day. Thank you for limiting items to one and keeping expensive objects/important family heirlooms at home!

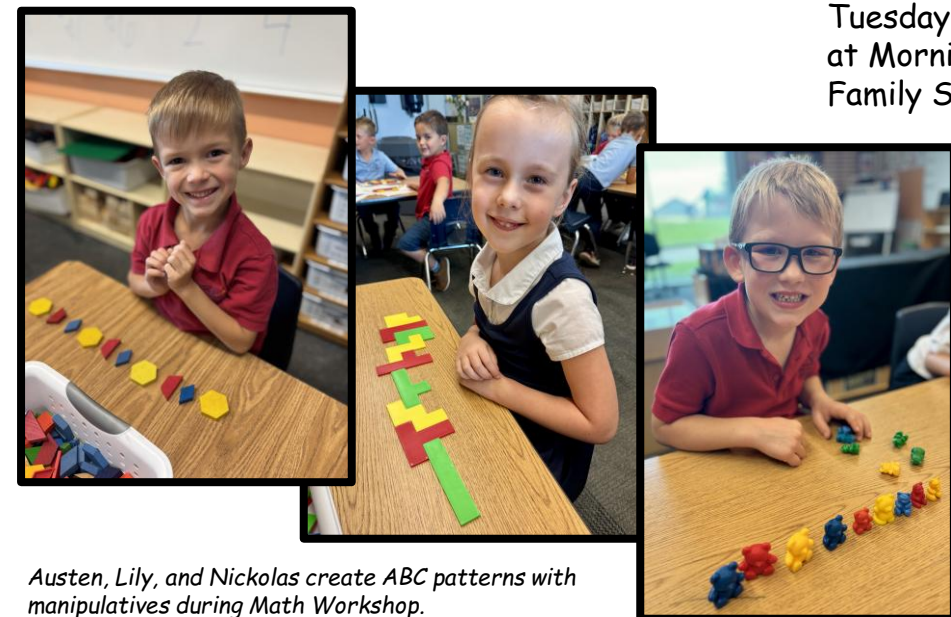
Mother Goose Olympics

Mother Goose Olympics will take place on the afternoon of October 29th for the Bottlenose class. This "Olympic" event combines active learning, gross motor skills, and elements of the Boehm concepts in a fun and meaningful way! It is an outdoor, field day style gathering featuring stations for each of the nursery rhymes we have been learning. Students will have the opportunity to recite each rhyme at its accompanying activity. All athletes will still be required to wear their CSA uniform at the event ☺ In addition to the event, there will be a delicious snack of cookies and milk along with the opportunity to shop at the Literati Book Fair being held in the gallery. Students may be signed out and taken home after the event but are also welcome to stay through carpool. We can't wait for this incredible afternoon with the kindergarten students. And thank you for your support in making this event possible for our learners.



What are CSRs?

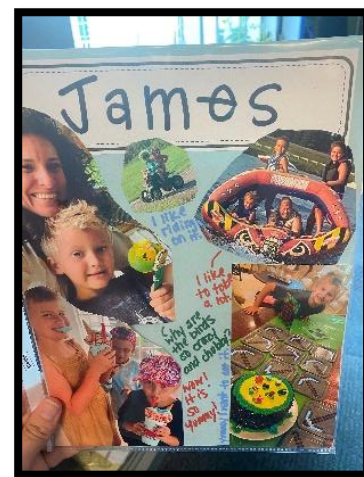
Comprehensive Student Reviews (CSRs) are an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and talk about students as a whole-child. These crucial discussions will last approximately 45 minutes and not only focus on academics but also social, emotional and physical development. A pre-CSR reflection sheet will be sent home for you to fill out and return and a SignUpGenius will be emailed with available dates and times.



Austen, Lily, and Nickolas create ABC patterns with manipulatives during Math Workshop.

Parent Partnership Project

At CSA we truly believe that parents are a partner in their child's education. One way we implement this is with optional monthly projects that you can work on with your child at home. Thank you for all your creativity and help to make our class-made alphabet such a success! This month's partnership project is a family scrapbook page you can complete with your learner. See directions for this colorful cardstock page that will be sent home in next week's Tuesday folders. We look forward to sharing these at Morning Meeting and creating the Bottlenose Family Scrapbook!



Character Corner

This month we will discuss the 5 basic needs and the habits that can hurt or help relationships. We will make a Quality World picture that is filled with what has meaning to us and allows us to meet our 5 basic needs of survival, power, freedom, fun, and love & belonging. While the Basic Human Needs describe the general motivation for all behavior, the Quality World pictures will be specific and unique to each child. To gain a clearer understanding of our personal Quality Worlds we will discuss some of the following topics:

- Who are the most important people in your life?
- What are your most deeply held values?
- What is an accomplishment you are really proud of?
- What does it mean to be a friend?

For the rest of your child's journey at CSA, a large focus will be on using the seven caring (connecting) habits and avoiding the seven hurtful (controlling) habits in all relationships. We'll be working towards making these caring habits part of our daily lives in and outside of the classroom so that everyone (including ourselves) can meet their five basic needs.

