



As we fall into the season of autumn, Pre-K will be engaged in even more hands-on learning! The Zachary Fire Dept. visited us in September as we learned about workers

in our community. In October, we will be taking our first field trip when we visit a working farm in St. Francisville. We will be picking pumpkins, feeding the animals and participating in a stick-horse rodeo. At the end of the month, we will get to wear our favorite

costume as we Trick-or-Treat across campus. Pre-kindergarteners will also be busy in the classroom working on letters and sounds, number identification and patterns. So stay tuned for more fun and hands-on learning as we roll into the holiday season!



PE Department

We are off to a great start in Physical Education! We spent the first month of school learning our daily warm-up and formation along with games. We also spent a week focusing on health and fitness. Every week we are learning a new muscle and its function. Please be reminded that our kids are to wear comfortable shoes for running.

We will have Wellness night on October 20th @ 5:30 -7:30. This is a fun-filled family event to enjoy. Please pre-register on the form that comes home with your child. Some of the sessions will include: Bluecross/Blueshield 2 step program, LSU AgCenter, American Diabetes Association, Technology and Health, and we have a special guest. Our school nurses will be on staff to check blood pressure, vision/hearing. We look forward to seeing you at Wellness Night. Remember, the Body Walk is on Oct. 27th and 28th. Volunteers are needed. This is during the school day. Come and enjoy this event with your child as well! As always, we thank you for your continued support of our Physical Education program at Northwestern Elementary.

Library Line

The students have been attending library classes and all have had the opportunity to check out a library book. We are excited about using the Accelerated Reader reading program again this year. Students can read a book then take a short comprehension quiz about the book to earn points. Accumulated points can be redeemed in the library for prizes.

Please be reminded of our upcoming annual Scholastic book fair event. It is scheduled for October 5-9, 2009. We will also have PreK/K Literacy night on Tues. Oct. 6 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and 1st grade AR nights on Wed/Thurs., Oct. 7 & 8 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

PTO Events

Please be reminded that joining the PTO is a great way to be involved in your child's education. There are many events going on throughout the year and we are always in need of volunteers! Please see the PTO webpage for more details.

Computer Lab News

Students are learning how to log into the Destination Success reading and math programs in computer classes. Links have also been added to the Destination Success site for at-home practice. Please visit the Northwestern Elementary School website and access the links page to see what's new in Destination Success. Also, if any parents would like to volunteer to help with birthday posters please contact Mrs. Forbes, the computer lab teacher.



Car Riders

VERY IMPORTANT!

Please make sure your child's name is clearly visible in the car window. All car pool riders must be picked up in the afternoon by 3:45 p.m. or the end of the car pool line. Any students left after this time will be sent to Extended Day and parents will be charged \$5.00 until 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m. parents will be charged the usual fee of \$8.00. Extended Day is over at 5:45 p.m. Parents will be charged \$1.00 per minute for each child remaining after 5:45.



September Star Students

Bonds	Mackenzie T
Bradley	Julia S
Brown	Jordon B
Carlton	Kate H
Carter	Kennedy P
Collins	Kylie P
Darensbourg	Victoria T
Gehling	Stella C
Hampton	Chloe R
Major	Ashley J
Manchester	John Mark G
Santangelo	Kyla H
Savario	Devin H
Spangler	Joshua W
Taylor, H.	Cayley P
Taylor, P.	Ashlyn M
Wall	Kale B
Wojohn	Hayden B
Albarez	Kelsi A
Brady	Michaela D
Cottongim	Malea P
Curry	Francisco R
Day	De'Niya W
Faircloth	Brady N
Gafford	Morgan V
Joubert	Kristen R

Kellogg	Justin P.
Knecht	Henry H.
Manuel	Macayla W.
Martin	Chloe W.
Tassin	Kristalynn P.
Thorne	Georgia Kate C.
Thornton	Katie B.
Tucker	Lane F.
Wells	Laryn B.
Wilkins	Kyle B.
Robertson	Blake S.
Broussard	Elanah H.
Favaloro	Claire V.
Hamilton	Lenise S.
Haney	Julia C.
Mestayer	Gabrielle J.
Morrison	Malia W.
Nezianya	Lillian N.
Pierce	Evangelina M.
Smith	Annabella L.
Dennis	Kaitlyn D.
Hebert	Trinity B.
St. Romain	Willow H.
Granville	Russell Jordon W.
Allen	Seth O.



In September, we had a wonderful time learning about weather and seasons. The field trip to the movie was great!

In October we will be getting better at writing stories and sentences. We will continue learning when to use capital letters and placing the correct ending marks. In Math we

are working on addition and subtraction. We will continue learning place value.

Don't forget about AR night in October. Students will come to school with their parents and take AR tests which are comprehension tests that are taken on the computer. Points are accumulated and the children can choose prizes for these points.

First grade classes will take a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch in October. Don't forget to

send in your child's permission slip and payment.

We will be having parent-teacher conferences on October 14, 15, & 16. Please make every effort to attend. Teachers have very important information to share with you.

We are having a great year. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



We had a great time on our field trip to see "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs". It is always exciting to find new ways to integrate literacy into a child's everyday life. We will be showing parents

just how to do this on October 6th, at Literacy Night. Parents and students are invited to come to the school at 5:30 that night. Students will be given a book to keep and will complete many activities that correlate with the text. The book fair will be open that night as well!

Kindergarten students are currently being tested for the 1st 9 weeks report card. Some skills to practice are name

writing, identifying all letters (not in order), numbers 1-20 (not in order), and shapes. Your child's teacher will be contacting you soon regarding conferences. A conference is required for the first report card.

Kindergarteners are looking forward to the Corn Maize field trip at the end of October. This trip and the many more to come cultivate the love of learning that we want to instill in our students!



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Important Dates

October 1 – Fall pictures with uniforms

October 2-- Free dress

October 5--9—Book fair

October 6—PreK/K Literacy night—5:30-7:00 p.m.

October 7—First grade AR night—4:30-6:30 p.m.

October 8-- First grade AR night—4:30-6:30 p.m. Papers go home

October 9 – End of the 1st nine weeks

October 12—Inservice Day/no students attend

October 14 – Conferences, early dismissal -1:15

October 15 – Conferences, early dismissal-1:15

October 16—Report cards go home, early dismissal-1:15

October 20—Smart Bodies Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.

October 22-Papers go home

October 23--Homecoming

October 30 – PreK Trick or Treat



FROM THE CHIEF

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTO meeting and volunteered to assist with all the activities which are important for our children. We are grateful for your dedication and involvement. October 12, 2009, is an in-service day for teachers. Our teachers will be learning more about teaching writing and how to involve our students in collaborative learning experiences which will increase engagement and achievement. We want our students to be lifelong learners so we are always learning new and more effective ways to get our students excited about learning. Please check our schedule for all of the activities we have planned for parents and children this month. When we work together our children will exceed our expectations.