



Washington Monthly update

Pre School: Our preschoolers have been learning all about feelings and emotions! Students are practicing identifying and acting out different emotions while beginning to describe how they feel. We are also incorporating fine motor activities into our play and daily work to strengthen the muscles in our fingers and hands, helping children become stronger and more independent with everyday tasks. These activities also provide opportunities to practice important pre-readiness skills.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten classes have been working hard on reading, writing, counting, and showing numbers 0-10 in Math. In Skills, students have started learning sounds. They have been segmenting and blending those sounds to make words and learning how to write the sounds! Knowledge has brought lots of information about the Five Senses. As we finish our Five Senses unit, we will move into all kinds of stories (Fables, Fairy Tales, etc.).

1st Grade: First grade has been reviewing blending and segmenting words to help us become better readers. In Knowledge we have learned about our body systems and how to keep our bodies healthy. During math time, we are learning strategies to add and subtract. We have also been reviewing classroom and school expectations to keep us ready, safe, and kind.

PE: PE has been off to a strong start here at Washington. We just wrapped up our scooters unit and are transitioning to our tossing, throwing, and catching unit. We have also started Wellness Wednesday where we are teaching our students how to keep their bodies healthy. So far we have covered germs and the different ways we can stop the spread of germs.

Music: Kindergarten music students have been working hard to learn the difference between our 5 voices (talk, whisper, sing, shout, and think). Recently, we have also been using the folk song "Make New Friends" to discuss and practice different ways we can be kind to the people around us. 1st grade students have been reviewing and playing a lot of the un-pitched percussion instruments we were introduced to in Kindergarten. We've also been reviewing our musical opposites and will be assessed on them by the end of the quarter.

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Important Dates:

- Oct. 15th– Prek Field trip to Selmi's
- Oct. 16th– 1st grade field trip to Lowell Park Nature Center
- Oct. 21st– Unity Day
- Oct. 28th– Trunk or Treat and PreK PlayDough Party
- Oct. 30th– Halloween Parties

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