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Preschool News

K-3

Ms. Sue

Ms. Cindy



Both K-3 "Bear" classes have had a wonderful September!

We are having virtually tear-free mornings at drop-off as

we get into our busy day. This month, we studied the letters A, B, and C, as well as the numbers 1, 2, and 3. Our Read-it-Once-Again book was Goodnight Moon. The students liked this story so much that it was very hard for them to sit and listen, so they said the story along with me as I read. We have also learned position words and discovering patterns. Some science experiments have been "The Power of my Air" and "Bubbles & Raisins."

We are looking forward to a busy month in October with field trips to the Stewart Farms pumpkin patch and Peace Center to see *Max and Ruby*. Of course, we will be ending this month with a pumpkin party, too!

Thank you to all "Bear" parents who have helped get us off to a great year. We certainly appreciate the encouragement and support that has made us feel welcomed members of the Hope family!

K-3/K-4

Ms. Brenda

Ms. Elizabeth



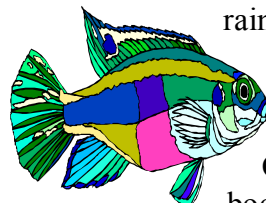
It's October and Fall is here. The Busy Bees are in for a fun-filled month of activities. This month we will learn about senses, fall fun, transportation and Halloween. We will continue on our Handwriting without Tears program. The children are doing a great job and really seem to enjoy it. In Art some of our projects will be paper cup printing, five senses book, appleprints, handtree mural, airplanes and fingerpainting. In Science we are going to try: tasting and feeling objects, a popping good time, corn tasting, defying gravity and solid vs. liquid. In Social Studies we are working on life skills. This month we will be going to Happy Cow Creamery and the Peace Center to see *Max and Ruby*.

K-4

Ms. Karen

Ms. Lani

During the month of September the Rainbow Fish have studied rainbow fish; me, myself, and I; and read the Read It



Once Again book The Very Busy Spider. We began learning to make our capital letters. Our letters for the month have been F, E, D, P, B, and R. The first week of school we talked about and made a rainbow fish. Our class

will be the Rainbow Fish this year. We also made a "me" book drawing pictures of ourselves and our family, making our handprint and decorating a birthday cake. In the second week of September we started on The Very Busy Spider and learned to make our letters. We worked with worksheets and manipulatives about the book and painted the following animals in the book: spider, horse, cow, sheep, goat, pig, dog, cat, duck, rooster, owl, and fly. Learning to make our letters, we read Fish Eyes and made a fish for F, read Elmer (the elephant) and made Elmer for E, talked about dinosaurs for D, painted a pig for P, read and made Brown Bear for B and painted a rooster for R. We celebrated the beginning of Fall by making a happy Fall hat and talking about Fall. We took a field trip to Touch a Truck in Simpsonville to see and climb on fire trucks, police car etc. During the month of October we will read The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything. We'll also celebrate Columbus Day and Halloween. We'll will be learning to make the following letters: N, M, H, K, L, U, and V.

K-4

Ms. Kay

Ms. Bernadette



Happy Autumn! The Starfish have been working on the seasons as well as the weather and calendar. The weather has really been great. When we go outside, it is difficult to return to class.

We started working on letter formations and letter sounds. The students brought in some nice pictures for our beginning sound charts. We have read The Very Busy Spider many times and will soon complete the activities. The next book we will read is The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything. This is a fun book to read and work on.

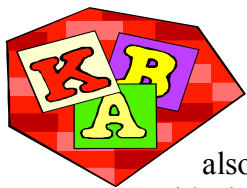
In October, some of our topics will be autumn, good manners, and Halloween. Some of the children are very excited to have already gotten Halloween costumes. Remember to mark your calendar for Hopefest on October 25th.

Academy News

Academy 1 Ms. Christine Ms. Kim

The class has been hard at work this past month! Everyone is adjusting well to our full-day schedule and beginning to remember the classroom procedures independently. To foster that independence we made a pictorial flow chart of our lunchtime routine. Ms. Kim took a picture of each child completing a stage of the lunchtime process, and we then posted it in the proper sequence. The children really enjoyed the process of developing the flow chart and loved seeing their pictures on the chart.

In Language Arts we have been reviewing letter sounds as well as determining quality



handwriting of each letter. We also began working with sight words.

In Math we have reviewed colors and shapes. We have also begun addition and subtraction with manipulatives and writing the corresponding number sentences.

In Social Studies we just completed a unit on friendship. Each child kept a friendship journal and recorded in pictures different ways they can show friendship to one another.

In Science we discussed living vs. nonliving things. We went on a walk to spot the different living and nonliving things around us.

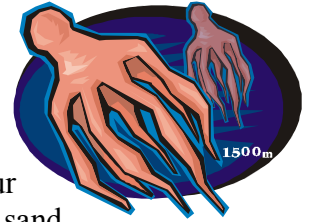
In Art we discussed the art of Jackson Pollock and created our own Abstract artwork by using a dripping technique. The children really enjoyed this activity!

Academy 2 Ms. Constance Ms. Julie

Autumn is here and our 1st quarter is already halfway completed! Ms. Julie and I would like to thank all of our parents for their loving support of A-2 by attending the Open House. We are all so proud of the students who gave presentations and of the students who patiently sat through practice presentations. As you can see by our presentations, the children are learning that all daily functions have a certain flow to the process. If a step is left out, it doesn't work! In Math, we are currently working on content standards related to addition, money, skip counting, number names, place value, ordinal sequencing, and patterns. We all have participated in review/introduction of each concept. In Language Arts, we are learning about short/long vowels, sound patterns, story parts, sentence structure, parts of speech,

dictionary usage, ABC order, and the journal-writing process. The students are also working very hard in their spelling binders.

Other fun things we have done recently include:



making our names with sand, making an ocean in a bottle, and a real life comparison of sea creatures specimens such as shrimp, clams, oysters, blue crab, octopus, and squid. We are learning a lot about what lives in the ocean!

Academy 3 Ms. Marydell Ms. Marianne

WOW! It has been a lovely beginning to a new school year. Beginning the year with a focus on self-control and character education are the keys to successful classroom management. Without a solid foundation for behavior expectations, teaching and learning will rarely take place. Thank goodness for a school that supports that philosophy. Hope Academy believes that every child has the right to an education in a classroom where learning is fostered. I am proud of the efforts that the students of Academy 3 have shown over the past five weeks to improve their abilities to use self-control and exhibit responsibility.

Using the Quality Learning Tools has greatly provided a more structured way of inviting our students' input to the learning process. It has truly been interesting to see the students use and master the tools that have been introduced to them. I am

very excited to see their response to using the tools throughout the year with academics as well as behavior modifications.

Now, we are totally ready to dive into our curriculum more. We have reviewed known skills and assessed to know where each child functions on individual skills. Using our Capacity Matrices will ensure that the student, parent, and teachers know exactly where the student is reaching a level of mastery on grade level skill. Also, the matrices coincide greatly with the South Carolina Standards. Academy 3 is excited about reaching for higher heights with Quality Learning Tools.



Our students have studied our world, our country, and our state.

We now know where in the world we are!! Did you know that our country is bordered by Canada, Mexico, the Pacific Ocean, and Atlantic Ocean? Our state is located in the southeastern part of the United States.

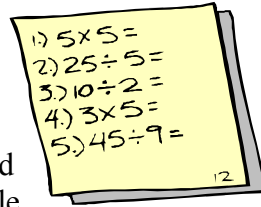
Science classes are off to a great start with learning about living things. Mr. Jimmy is surely doing a terrific job. Yahoo, Mr. Jimmy!

**Academy 4 & 5 Ms. Claire
Mr. Phil, Ms. Bettye, Mr. David**

Math

Students in our class are working on a variety of math concepts as they expand their competencies. We have explored mixed numbers, prime and composite

numbers, fractions as decimals, area of a triangle, area of a rectangle, proportions, ratio word problems, angle pairs, roman numerals, least common multiples, three-digit divisions, adding mixed measures and evaluating expressions.



7th & 8th Grade Social Studies

7th graders are studying the regions of Australia and New Zealand in addition to the assimilation of Essential Facts. We also delved into the concepts of Middle Age architecture, serf systems, and early political systems.

8th grade students are discovering South Carolina's role in the Revolutionary War. Their research project is centered around the state parks of South Carolina.

7th & 8th Grade Science

Students in Mr. Phil's science class began our exploration of life/earth science with a research project centered around an extinct species. We continued our scientific studies, with a look at biodiversity, extinction causes, geological time scale and fossils.

Language Arts 5th grade Christian Baliker

In Language Arts we are doing many things. We are doing every-day-edits. Also, we're doing Current Events. We are reading Where the Red Fern Grows too. We do journal writings and word games.

Every-day-edits are things that we do every day. Mr. David will give us a slip and it will have a paragraph on it and we have to correct it.

Current events are things that we do in the newspaper. We get a newspaper article and we rewrite it in our own words. Then we present it to the class.

We're reading a book called Where the Red Fern Grows and it is a very good book.

Journal writings are things we have to do every week. We have to do three a week. You can write about anything you want.

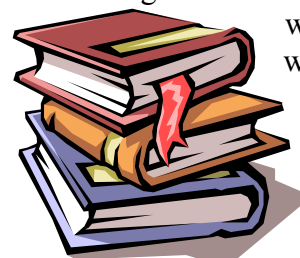
The last one is word games. Word games are things we do whenever. There are many word games like word searches, making words out of a big word, and, my favorite, scrabble.

Well, that is what we do in Language Arts.

Language Arts 6th Grade Kimberly Sizemore

We all got our Language Arts book and oral reading books. Our oral books that we are reading are Watership Down and Summer of the Monkeys. We are working in our pink grammar book. We have worked in lessons one through eight. We have learned the four types of sentences and compound, simple subjects and predicates. The 6th grade has three journals

we do every week. We can talk and write about



anything we like in our journals. We have portfolios, that we put important things in such as tests, journals and lessons. I love Language Arts!

7th & 8th Grade Language Arts

LA students are busy with a variety of assignments designed to develop their skill in composition, grammar, reading comprehension, and thinking skills. Students have composed 5-paragraph essays, journal entries, and begin sharing independent reading in a variety of book report formats. Students are also expanding grammatical skills in the areas of verb identification, parts of speech, direct and indirect objects, and subject complements. Specific thinking skills and organizational components examined include: applications of run charts for individual and class analysis organizational tools, and matrix implementation. Students are also enjoying a class novel entitled The Education of Little Tree, by Forrest Carter

HOPE Academy News



Fall into Fashion

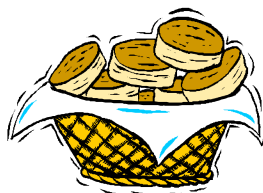
Attention ladies, you will not want to miss this exciting event! "Fall into Fashion" will take place on Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 pm at Thornblade Club to benefit Hope Academy.

This afternoon tea and fashion show will feature fashions from Mariani's Boutique modeled by Hope Academy's very own parents! Local vendors will provide shopping opportunities. There will be food, an assortment of gourmet teas, and door prizes! Come enjoy an afternoon out with the ladies! Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends. Tickets are on sale for \$20 per person. Please see Sandy in the office or call Lori Schur at 458-8030 for tickets.

TEAM HOPE News

October 15th is the monthly teacher luncheon hosted by **Academy 3** this month. Please let Brigid or Dixie know what yummys you will be sending in.

October 16th we will be selling Chick-fil-A biscuits in the circle - \$2 for chicken \$1 for plain (jelly available). Order in advance to guarantee one. We are considering providing gluten-free/dairy-free biscuits for those with allergies – let Dixie know if you are interested.



Chick-fil-A Calendars are on sale for only **\$6.00**

The 2009 calendars give over \$30.00 worth of food coupons. Call Dixie Puleo 408-9297 or e-mail her at:
volunteer4hope@yahoo.com

to arrange the pick-up of your calendars. Sandy Teska will also have a few available.

Team HOPE gets half the cost from each calendar. The **class** with the biggest percentage of sales will have a **pizza party!!!** Contest ends October 31st.

The **family** who sells the most calendars will have special reserved seating at the Christmas program.



Box Tops for Education

We have had a great start this school year with Box Tops. We have already raised \$84 for our school! The kids are working hard to be entered to win a Webkinz, win the class Popsicle party, or to be Principal for the Day. The current contest ends October 16th, and a new contest will begin right after that. Please keep collecting those Box Tops and try shopping at the Marketplace through the following Box Top website: www.boxtops4education.com. A percentage of your online shopping will be donated to Hope Academy at no extra charge to you. You can shop at over 60 online stores; save yourself some time and gas by shopping online. Please contact Elaine Avila Elaine@ehosted.com at 963-1848 with any questions.

Holiday Luminary

It hardly seems possible, but it is time to start planning our Holiday Luminary Fundraiser. Now is the time to sign your neighborhood up to be part of this beautiful, community-inspired event. Luminaries are little candle lanterns made from small paper

bags that line a walkway or driveway. Hope Academy sells kits to make 10 luminaries for \$10.00. We will help you create a neighborhood "Luminary Night" or you may wish to purchase luminary kits for your holiday parties or for your church's holiday services. Please contact Elaine Avila Elaine@ehosted.com

or 963-1848 if you would like your neighborhood to be included.



Coming up next

Preschool Picture Day
October 8th
Academy & K3 T/TH
Picture Day
October 9th

Everyone is welcome!
Monkey Joe's Fun Night
3:00-7:00pm October 14th
\$5.00 per child

No School - October 17 & 20

Special Note:

The following are some names of businesses and people who are supporting Hope Academy's Golf Tournament. Please make an effort to thank them:

Carolinas Home
APACET-CORP.
O'Charley's

Stueken LLC
Coca-Cola
PPS International

Philip and Adelia Hodge
Good Shepherd Pet Services

Carolina Oral & Facial Surgery
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Julie's Jewels & Gifts

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