

SEPTEMBER ISSUE



Hello SPA families!

We are well on our way to another great school year at St. Peter Academy. We understand the importance of building a strong school-home partnership and recognize you as vital members of your child's educational team. As we move forward through the school year, remember that we value your input and support. As the weather begins to change, it is important that students come to school prepared for outdoor recess. We will continue to do our best to get the students outside for some fresh air, exercise, and play. Please help us by ensuring that children have the proper outdoor gear.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to build a successful St. Peter Academy.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can reach me at A.dilba@stpeteracademy.com

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Chief Educational Officer



Here at SPA, we are so lucky to have such incredible families and community members that contribute to the success of our classrooms. Amazon Wishlists can be found by clicking the below links. Thank you for your help in keeping our classrooms fun and engaging!



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AFTER SCHOOL

Ms. Jackie & Ms. Brittney

Welcome back to school! After school has been enjoying all the new toys that were donated to us from our wishlist on Amazon. Thank you to everyone who donated!!! In after school the students really enjoyed making marbled painted apples. They had so much fun shaking the bin around to get the marbles in the paint to make tracks. We also having been enjoying our playground and our outside toys. Can't wait to see what fun new activities October will bring.

TODDLER GREEN

Toddler Turtles - Ms. Suzana & Mrs. Christina

Toddler Pandas - Mrs. Rosa & Ms. Elvira



Hi all! This is our first monthly newsletter. Toddler Turtles and Pandas are having a blast this month. They love going for walks and exploring nature. We welcomed Dr. Joseph, our new music teacher, the children enjoy music time with him every week. Summer has ended now, enjoying the good fall weather. We're going to start a new Unit Family and Friends, and couldn't be more excited.

TODDLER BLUE Ms. Rhi, Ms. G, & Ms. Brie

Toddler Blue has had such a fun month! We have been really focusing on learning our day to day schedule, and they are doing so well at it. September has been so much fun! We had picture day and apple picking and we enjoyed it so much! The kids did so well picking their apples. We are excited to start our Owl Unit One: Family and Friends! We also have been spending so much time outside, whether it's on the playground or walking on the rope around the neighborhood. We are so excited for October, especially Halloween in Toddler Blue!



TRANSITION

Ms. Francine & Ms. Gina



Welcome to Toddler Transition 2023/2024! We have started our school year with 8 amazing students, working hard with their new friends! We are learning our classroom routines and getting ready to explore Owl Unit I with an awesome curriculum, introducing new books and fun student activities. We have been having fun with our new ABC song & signing with Jack Hartman, Singing & Dancing our way through Shapes and Colors! The Children are having so much fun exploring in make believe with Dolls, Puppets and Magnetite Building. We are loving our Daily Affirmations and Circle Time, taking walks and enjoying our recess in the playground, STEM & Music with Dr Joe is a Wonderful Addition, we look forward to our first bus trip - apple picking! This is going to be an Amazing Year - Stay Tuned for more #coolkid Adventures and Always Remember To Be Kind!

PREK

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Stewart

September was a busy month for PreK. We were learning each other's names, the rules/routines of the classroom, how to walk silently in line order around the school building, we practiced walking safely around the neighborhood, we completed our Unit on Apples, and began our Foundations Curriculum. The children learned the life cycle of an apple, taste tested apples, and we ended our Apple Unit with our very first field trip to the Apple Orchard. In Foundations, the children learn that the letters in the alphabet make sounds. PreK has learned that there is a big A and little a, that A is for apple and says /a/. They also learned that letter Aa is a vowel and all vowels make 2 sounds. PreK can also tell you that A says A like an acorn. We are so proud of PreK for accomplishing so much in the first month of school. In October, we are looking forward to starting our OWL Curriculum Unit I on Friends and Families, Eureka/OWL Math, and fun Halloween activities including our annual SPA School Wide Halloween Parade.





KINDERGARTEN Mrs. Heseck

Hello from the busy world of Kindergarten! Here we are working hard every day on learning routines and making new friends. Our #1 rule is Be Kind and we are modelling that every chance we get. Our themes this month included going back to school, Johnny Appleseed and apples. We have learned that Johnny was born right here in Massachusetts! We also found out that he had lots of brothers and sisters and was kind to animals and people. Did you know that students get to school in all different kinds of ways? We do here in K. They can go by bus, boat, foot or even plane-exciting to learn. Finally, we took our first two trips to the South Boston Public Library and did awesome. We quietly sat while stories were read and then worked with Ms. Danni to find books that we can share at home :) This month has been filled with so much learning.

GRADE 1 Ms. Dixon

September has been a busy month for First Grade! We spent the beginning of the month exploring our new classroom, getting to know each other, and reviewing class rules and expectations. During writing, we have worked on letter formation, answering questions in our writing journals, and identifying complete and incomplete sentences. We have spent a lot of time reading this month as well! We read some stories together about fall fairs, going to the library, and how to be kind friends. In math, we are working on number bonds, math sentences, and identifying partners to 10. During science, we spent some time learning about fall topics, such as what fall looks like in other places around the world, why pumpkins are orange, how maple syrup is made, and the biggest apples in the world. I am so proud and impressed by everyone's hard work this first month back to school! We can't wait to see what fun new learning activities October will have in store for Grade One!



GRADE 2/3 Ms. Hildreth



And just like that, September is already over! Fall is in the air and we are loving it in 2/3! Along with getting to know each other and our new classroom, this month has been packed with loads of learning and fun. In writing, we worked on our opinion writing pieces and had so much fun debating two sides of a story. In math, our second graders mastered addition and subtraction within 1000 using various solving strategies and word problems and our third graders were introduced to multiplication. I was blown away by their quick learning. Our science unit this month was animal habitats. Our students have been working so hard on their animal habitat research reports and I am so excited to see the final presentations! Finally, in social studies we have been learning about the different types of communities people can live in and creating brochures to teach other students in the school! I have been beyond impressed with each student's ready to go mindset this month and am so excited for all of the spooktacular learning that is to come this October!