

BCSKINDERGARTEN

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Here is a silly picture of our class. The kids and I love silly pictures!

Welcome to Room 17! We're off to a flying start!

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It has been a fabulous start of school!

We have been very busy with the start of school. Last Friday, we had our first assembly and started our specialist classes Mandarin, P.E., Music and Art! In addition to starting new classes and meeting many new people, we have set up our classroom rules and have spent a lot of time reinforcing rules and procedures around the school. In this newsletter, you will find information

about some of the rules and procedures put in place within the classroom as well as within the school.

Classroom Rules

We have six main classroom rules. You may have seen a book go home at the end of last week with a picture of each rule and an explanation about it.

1. Bear Rule- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

2. Heart Rule- Be nice to everyone.

3. Elephant Rule- Listen while others are speaking.

4. Bunny Rule- Raise your hand before speaking.

5. Clock Rule- Be in the right place at the right time.

6. Turtle Rule- Walk in the classroom.

Each rule has a picture and name to go with it as a way to help the students remember what the rule is about. We are practicing these rules daily and doing our best to think about them when we are working at school.

PE Information

Our class has P.E. on Thursdays each week. Our P.E. teacher, Mrs. Thowson, has asked that each child be ready for PE with shoes they can run and play in and a water bottle. Since P.E. starts a few minutes after the bell rings, please have your child take out their water bottle and place it on their star at the start of school. I've found that since my stars and backpack hooks are much further out this year, it's a time saver for the kids to grab them real quick and be in line ready to go. Thanks so much for your help with this!

Classroom Visits

When visiting the classroom for any reason, whether it is to drop something off for your child, pick them up early or to work in the classroom during a scheduled volunteer time, you must check in with the office first. We want to strictly enforce this rule at school to help keep kids safe and accounted for. Once you sign in, you'll be given a visitor badge. Please write your

name and wear the badge where staff can see it.

Back to School Night is Coming!

Back to School Night will be Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00pm. Come and hear more about what we will be doing this year in Kindergarten and hear more about volunteer opportunities.

Kindergarten on Fridays

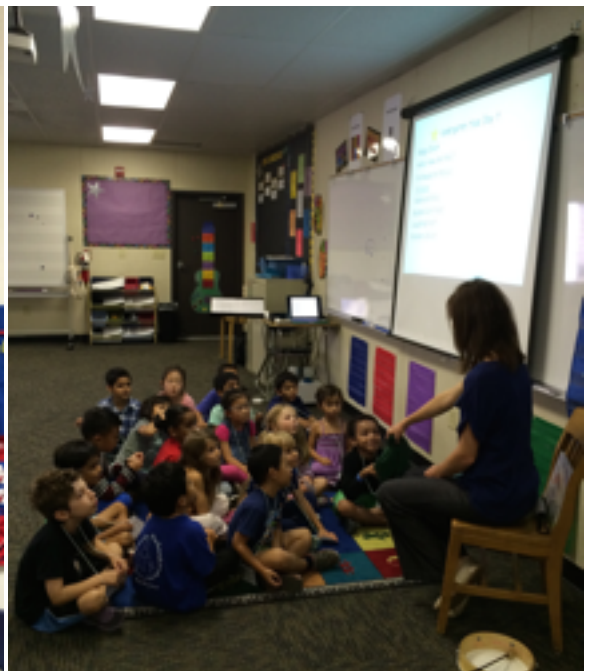
On Fridays, BCS students are encouraged to participate in spirit days, Bullis wear, or wear blue/yellow. Starting next Friday, students will be awarded points that will go toward their House when they participate.

Photo Permission

Throughout the year, I love taking pictures of my students. I use these pictures for our newsletter and class website. I've noticed that most families have opted for the "no photo permission". If you are okay with me taking pictures of your child for the above reasons, could you please send me a quick message on ClassDojo to let me know either way if it's okay to use the photos? I want to respect families privacy, but also don't want families to miss out on any photos with their child in it.

Left picture: What our calendar looks like

Right picture: Students at their first music class with Mrs. Beese



What we're working on this week:

Language Arts

This week in Language Arts, we have been learning how to write capital letters correctly. Each day we introduce one or two capital letters and practice writing properly. As we introduce a new letter in handwriting we try to brainstorm words that start with that letter as a class. We have also been working on expressing our ideas through pictures by drawing as many details as we can and coloring the pictures carefully.

Math

In Math, we have been exploring math manipulatives and discussing the calendar each day. With the calendar we are practicing the days of the week, the months of the year and how the calendar works. We also discuss our daily schedule for that day and what will be happening later.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we have been practicing our classroom rules and rules around the

playground each day. We are working hard to learn the rules and routines for school so we can all learn many new things each day.

Things To Do At Home

I will be working with each student each day at school but there are always things that can be worked on at home to help reinforce the things we are learning. Here are a couple to try:

1. Read to your child each day.

Reading to your child not only helps expose them to new words but it helps encourage a love of reading.

2. **Sort and organize with your child.** Have your child help you sort things around the house (silverware, toys, books, etc.) Sorting is one of the kindergarten math standards.

A HUGE THANK YOU!!! I am now fully funded!!!

Thank you so much to the following donors to my donorschoose.org project! A huge THANK YOU to Gretchen Swall, Ben Byon, Cindy and Jeffery Chung, Neelam Tanwar, The Boillot family, Courtenay Corrigan, Jene family, Kai Zhu, Subha Jayabalan, Thomas and Arden Asmar, Tushar Chandra, the Suchter family, Chiu Wah So, Hollie Halpin, Carrie Armel and Jeff Schrage, the anonymous donors, and the Selz Foundation for fully funding my project! Your generous donations are helping all 100+ kindergartners this year have access to iPads! I am very excited to be able to use even more technology in my classroom and provide students with technology that is age appropriate to use. I cannot wait to show all of you how I will be using this technology in the classroom and how excited my students will be! I am genuinely touched by such an overwhelming response to a passion I wrote up this summer and am so so grateful. It is going to be an amazing year!

Please check out my class website at:

www.mrssears.com

This webpage can also be found when you login through your MyBCS account.

Please fill out my "Beginning of the Year Parent Survey" if you haven't already. This will help me learn more about your child.

https://docs.google.com/a/bullischarterhschool.com/forms/d/14eHTD243xMlgWpopDeSKRHf_hfcwKA8_if8fcKxUjvfM/viewform

Dates to remember:

Labor Day: September 2nd
(No School)

Picture Day: September 8th

Back to School Night:
September 9th (Tuesday)

****Reminder**:** If you have not completed your online registration, please complete it as soon as possible.