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Important

September Dates

- PCA Closed on Labor Day: Sept. 6th
- Sign-Up to Read a Favorite Fairy Tale the Week of:
September 7-10th
- Bring Your Favorite Teddy Bear to School Day:
September 9th
- Fairy Tale Ball:
September 11th @ 7pm
- Sept.13th NO VPK Unless enrolled in extended day!
- Parent Action Team Meeting: Wednesday, September 15th @ 8:45 AM

Housekeeping

- Please remember to check your child's folder everyday for important information and your child's work.
- Do not forget swimsuits and towels on water play days!

In the Classroom

In August we learned all about VPK. We learned classroom routines and rules. We made new friends and began learning to work together as a team. We created "All About Me" books and made a graph of our birthdays. We reviewed letters and numbers, shapes and colors, and rhythm and rhyme.

Coming Up in September

In the coming month we will be reading Cinderella, The Ugly Duckling, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will continue to review our colors, shapes, numbers, and letters. We will be introducing sight words or words that are commonly read. We will learn what a fairy tale is and read many interesting poems. We will make "I Like Myself" books and make a school family mural to kick off our new unit on families.

Sickness

Mary had a little lamb,
She also had the flu.
And when she left her preschool
the others had it too.
So anytime your child is sick,
Please keep her home with you.
Then the children in our preschool
will be happier and healthier too!

Curriculum Corner

Last year at PCA we adopted a new early learning curriculum for our VPK classes called Imagine It! by STRA. This curriculum has been used in the public school system for many years and has been very successful, especially in the area of reading education. With the adoption of this curriculum we have watched our VPK student's scores SOAR!

Imagine It is a wonderful curriculum that emphasizes the five crucial areas of reading education: phonemic awareness, systematic phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Our goal is to lay a solid foundation of reading skills so that when your child goes to Kindergarten they will exceed expectations and excel in their classes. With your help we are confident that this new program will benefit your child for years to come. For more information go to the link below:

www.mcgraw-hill.com

Help Wanted

Please see your child's teacher to sign-up to volunteer in their class. We especially need help with classroom projects and school events. There are many things you can do even if you are unable to come to the classroom. We would love to see you around the cove.

"The teacher is one who makes two ideas grow where only one grew before"

Elbert Hubbard

September Vocabulary List

Please familiarize your child with these words. We will be introducing them in our daily lessons for the month of September.

chores	proud	neighborhood	family	struggle	uninvited	sister
preparing	image	nightmares	love	together	swung	brother
recognize	everybody	duck	celebrate	excitedly	taste	
shocked	crept	ugly	bunch	tapped	frown	
different	huge	swans	holidays	shells	treasure	
invisible	appetite	hatch	grandma	right	hunting	
special	silky	reflection	grandpa	rest	themselves	

VPK Sight Word List

Below is a list of sight words or commonly used words your child will need to know by the end of the year. Memorizing these words will help your child to read at a faster pace. Our first two sight words are:

“a” & “the”

Please review the monthly sight words with your child on a daily basis. The complete list is below. You may want to make flashcards to use at home for review.

a	had	on	was
go	is	up	down
in	the	can	I
you	at	he	she
and	have	see	with

Scholastic

Scholastic book orders is a great way to get high quality books for your child at a discounted price. When you order from Scholastic your child's classroom receives free books for every dollar you use. Be on the look out for order forms in your child's daily folder. Even ordering one book will help your child's classroom library grow.

Great Links for Parents

- <http://fldoe.org/earlylearning/>
- <http://www.elcbrevard.org>
- <http://www.scholastic.com>
- <http://www.dltk-kids.com>
- <http://www.reading.org>
- <http://www.rif.org>
- <http://www.naeyc.org>
- <http://www.pbskids.org>
- <http://www.funbrain.com>
- <http://www.starfall.com>