



October Classroom News

Preschool/ Kindergarten

Ms. Barbara and Ms. Kelly

This month we will study the continent of North America, USA, and Idaho. In science we will look at leaves and the weather, seasons, life cycle, arachnids, bats, rainbows and trees. Please look for our Halloween and October songs on our website.

October 31st - Halloween celebration in the classroom. We will need 3-4 parents for each class. (Please sign up in the Parent volunteer book located in the coat area.) The children will make a treat, carve pumpkins and roast the seeds and work on some simple Halloween crafts. We will also be making masks and have a parade at 8:45 a.m. in the hallway. Please **Do Not** send your child in a costume.

Gentle Reminders:

- It looks as if fall is in the air. Please remember that we spend about 20 minutes outside each day and your child needs appropriate outer wear.
- Please return art bags on Monday so that they may be refilled and sent home each Thursday.
- This is a great time to check spare clothing in the cubbies and refill as necessary.

Extended Day

Ms. Elisabeth, Ms. Rosa, & Ms. Ashley W.

Primary Extended Day has been getting back into their daily routine and working on giving the children confidence in their transition to the extended day classroom. Everyone has enjoyed exploring another classroom full of works both familiar and new to them in the afternoon!

This year in Elementary Extended Day, our goal is to bridge the gap between the classroom and after school. We will be focusing on incorporating even more Montessori principles and lessons as well as creating more opportunities to expand their learning from the classroom into our afternoon program. This month, we are practicing hospitality skills as everyday two children set up snack for the class with tablecloths, floral arrangements and washing the dishes when everyone is finished. We will continue this routine throughout the rest of the school year!

Lower Elementary

Mrs. Gihring and Mrs. McJunkin

It's hard to believe, but we are settling into a new school year. We began the year with our classroom agreement that focuses on what it means to be respectful, be responsible, and be fair. Maintaining a peaceful classroom and school is a big focus for us as we start the year. We made peace sign bookmarks, ate yummy rainbow peace popsicles, and wrote a classroom peace book. We learned about round and flat maps using a delicious melon as a globe and worked on continent maps as follow-up work. Creation stories from cultures around the world were read leading up to our presentations on the scientific theory of the Big Bang. We are already off to a great start!

Upper Elementary

Mrs. Mikkleson and Mrs. Neblett

The students in UE are settling in well in the UE Environment! They are especially enjoying some of the new "practical life" areas – we still have the Montessori Café set up for the students to enjoy during their snack time and are using what used to be the Art and Music room for reading, large lessons, science, and cultural time. Stop in to see it if you have time!

The UE students are also beginning the research process for their presentations of their artist biography. These presentations will be October 25 and 26 at 10 am. Any visitors are welcome to attend the UE presentations!