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ECE 3/4 Grade Bradley International School Newsletter Fall 2018

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Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy (Reading and Writing):** We are working on recognizing our names and noticing print in the world around us. Our learners are participating in read alouds by using the language from our books to retell and make connections. In our classroom we have begun to identify the letters in our names. Additionally our students are learning letter sounds with our zoo phonics curriculum. This pairs a motor movement with each letter sound, utilizing multimodal instruction increases both interest in letter sounds and memorization.
- **Math:** We are working on using one-to-one correspondence when counting. This involves the child touching one object and saying one number in sequence. Shapes are also a big part of our curriculum for this trimester. We look around our natural environment for shapes and describe them.



- **PYP/Social Emotional:** Students have been learning to follow the rules and routines of the classroom taking turns and sharing are at the forefront of our free play and center time. Discussions about both personal emotions and those emotions that our friends and teachers feel come into play when learning how to form relationships in the preschool classroom.



- **How to Support At Home:**
 - Read books at home and make comments about sequence, characters and picture cues.
 - After reading the book, have your child do a picture walk to retell the story; support by using character names and “first, then, last” language
 - Count everything!
 - Sort objects by color, size, shape, similarities and differences.
 - Compare objects: bigger, smaller, taller, shorter, more or less
 - Build fine motor skills by allowing kids to draw with crayons. Broken crayons can help promote appropriate tripod grasp.
 - Playing with Playdough is another great way to support fine motor strength and growth.
 - Encourage independence! At school, we practice by having kids hang up their own coats and backpacks. While in the bathroom, we have students pull down and up their own pants and attempt to button independently.



Dates to Remember for ECE 3 /4's

- Friday, November 16th – No ECE Only Professional Development for teachers
- November 19-23rd - THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- December 7th - Early Dismissal – 12:45 pm
- December 13th - PTO meeting
- January 15th – Feb. 15th - DPS School of Choice Application Opens
- December 24-January 4th - Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- January 10th – PTO Meeting
- January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 1st – Teacher Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 8th – PTO Spelling Challenge
- February 12th – PTO Meeting
- Thursday, February 14th – Valentine's Day & Parties (more info coming)
- February 18th – President's Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 22nd - End of 2nd Trimester