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COMMUNITY ARTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



ECE 3' & 4's Bradley International School Newsletter Fall 2019

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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 this multimodal instruction increases both interest in letter sounds and memorization. Students are working on letter formation using Handwriting without Tears curriculum.
- **Math:** We are working on one-to-one correspondence when counting. This involves the child touching one object and saying one number in a 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. Turn taking and sharing are at the forefront of our free play and center time. Discussions about both personal emotions and 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 to promote appropriate tripod grasp.
 - 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, students pull down and up their own pants and attempt to button independently.



Dates to Remember for ECE ¾'s

- November 15 - End of First Trimester
- November 25 - 29 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- December 6 - First Friday – Early Release
- December 20 - Santa Visits ECE – (More info to come from your child's teacher)
- December 23 - January 6 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- January 9 - Science Fair/Cardboard Challenge
- January 15 - DPS School of Choice Application Opens - ALL ECE families MUST complete an application for any school!
- January 20 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- January 23 - 5th Grade Exhibition Presentation
- February 14 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 18 - Choice CLOSES 4:00pm