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COMMUNITY ARTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



PYP

## ECE 4's Bradley International School Newsletter Fall 2019

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### Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy (Reading and Writing):** Most children are able to identify their names as well as the names of their friends. We continue to write our first and (a few) last names during our morning sign in.
- **Math:** We are expanding our knowledge of patterns. Students are catching on to A-B patterns and have started working with extending the complexity of patterns, such as A-A-B (red-red-blue-red-red-blue), A-B-C (yellow-green-red-yellow-green-red), and A-B-B (pretzel-marshmallow-marshmallow). The children have learned about graphs and graphing.
- **PYP/Social Studies/Science:** We will begin our second unit of inquiry on November 11<sup>th</sup>, shortly before Thanksgiving Break. This unit is titled, "How We Organize Ourselves," and is an investigation into various important jobs in our community. We have many exciting learning opportunities during this unit, including several in-school field trips and guests! If you are interested in presenting in your child's class (or all 3 ECE classes☺), please talk with your child's teacher. We'd love to have you come in!



### How to Support At Home:

- Take your child with you to run errands and talk about the various jobs you see people doing. Ask open-ended questions, such as, "What do you think the \_\_\_\_\_ (baker) does? What kinds of tools/utensils do you think s/he works with?" Please remember to ask questions that **do not** require a "yes" or "no" answer. Open-ended questions promote Critical Thinking Skills as well as opportunities for Oral Language Development. Help get your kiddos talking!
- Talk with your child about your job and the type of work you do. Also, discuss other family member's jobs and what their roles and responsibilities are.
- Here is a great math activity at home using Cheerios, pretzel sticks and mini-marshmallows (or other edibles). Have your child create a variety of patterns (A-B (red-blue-red-blue), A-A-B (yellow-yellow-green-yellow-yellow-green), or an A-B-C (blue-yellow-red-blue-yellow-red, etc.) and let them eat their patterns when they are finished creating! Also encourage your child to count the pieces in his/her patterns. Look around your environment and see what patterns you see with your child. Stripes on clothes, colors all around, etc.
- Please read to your child every night for at least 20 minutes. Books that have only 1 line of text are best. Take a picture walk through the book and after reading, ask your

son/daughter some questions, such as, “Who was in the story?”, “Where did the story take place?”, “What was the problem in the story?”, etc.

- Here are a couple of websites that you can play with your child to reinforce writing concepts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcAYnrh6fdw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffeZXPtTGC4&feature=relmfu>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36IBDpTRVNE>



### **Other Announcements:**

- Please be sure to dress your child in layers as the weather turns colder. They also need coats, hats, mittens, and boots when it is wet and snowy. However, they **MUST** have tennis shoes to change into at school for the day. BE SURE TO LABEL EVERYTHING! 😊
- The ECE classrooms will be Colorado Shines evaluated and rated in February. We will be sending more information home regarding this important event in the near future. 😊



### **Dates to Remember:**

- November 15 – End of First Trimester
- November 21 - Bradley Annual Thanksgiving Lunch
- 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 - Choice Opens - ALL ECE families MUST complete an application for any school!
- January 20 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- January 23 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibition Presentation
- February 14 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 18 - Choice CLOSES 4:00pm