

PLATO ACADEMY PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 13, 2017

Sink or float? We explored the concept with pumpkins and gourds. The small ones all floated. Then we put the big pumpkins into the water table and they sank to the bottom but there wasn't a lot of water. One suggestion was to get a bigger water table. We don't have one of those but we have something else in mind. More info in the next newsletter!

Did you know that when you add vinegar with a dropper to baking soda you get bubbles? And if the vinegar is colored, you get science art! Gas is produced when the liquid and acid, vinegar, combines with the solid and base, baking soda. When it dries, the baking soda feels rough on the paper.

There was a lot of play and exploration with our rocket ship. The students decided to decorate the inside of it. They used crayons, markers, and stickers. They also enjoyed bringing flashlights and other items into it. We heard discussions about blasting to the moon and to the store and to Lego Land.

Every day brings different explorations. We collected and compared different leaves from the neighborhood. We checked out the construction and demolition happening around Plato Academy. We never know what we will find happening around our school!

We are missing quite a few family pictures from our wall. Please send a picture soon. Some of the students ask about their pictures.



We are also looking for the family info pages from Billy, Jaylen, and Olivia. Those were sent home within a few days of starting at Plato.

HALLOWEEN: Please read the Parent Notes from 10/12/17 last week for information on our school celebration. In our class, we will have a fun day consisting of regular exploration with fun Halloween themed games added into our morning. After lunch, treats will be passed out before we participate in the school activities. Please consider non-food treats first. Food treats, if you choose, have to be healthier. Small bags of pretzels, animal crackers, and fruit gummies are perfect. Please double check food labels. We have 13 students total, 5 boys and 8 girls. The students should wear their costumes to school. Please give us a heads up in the morning if they are difficult for bathroom breaks and we will accommodate. 😊 Thank you!

Reminders:

- Please check and update your child's extra clothes box at the bottom of the cubby. Each student should have two FULL (pants, shirt, underwear, socks) changes ready.
- Please send healthy PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE foods for lunches and snacks. **Please... no chips, cookies and candy.** They do not provide the nutrition and energy needed for the day. Examples of some healthy snacks are: fruit (cut up in bite-sized pieces), veggies, pretzels, graham crackers, yogurt/gogurt/danimals, oatmeal or granola snack bites/bars as long as they do not (may) contain peanuts or tree nuts. Tree nuts are, but not limited to: cashews, pecans, pistachios, hazelnuts, walnuts, almonds. Those are the most used in snacks and other food products. Please help us protect all students! We share the lunchroom and other common areas with the other classes and there are students with severe allergies in the school. Please know that the staff follows the same protocol. **IF THE LABEL READS, MAY CONTAIN PEANUTS OR TREE NUTS, THEY CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL. PLEASE CHECK LABELS!**
- Food is not to be shared between students at school. Please continue conversations at home about this. It is very important for the safety of all students.
- If your child is signed up for school lunch, please make sure you send a separate snack for the afternoon.
- If your child will be in Aftercare for an hour or more, please provide extra snack so that they aren't getting too hungry.

Please, please, please... Make sure that your child has eaten breakfast before coming to school. It is important that they are energized for the morning. They exercise their bodies and brains before lunch at 11:20. That is a long time to go without nurturing our bodies. We do not have the accommodations for students to eat or finish breakfast in the classroom.

**** Please limit toys from home to only one. Each student is responsible for their item. There is always a chance that an item gets lost or damaged.**

WISHLIST. The below items are wanted for future various activities in the classroom. This list is for items that you may have around the house and don't use anymore. It is not intended for a family to go out and buy them new:

Used sippy cups
Newspaper

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Texting is best since we can usually reply quicker.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's life!

Ciao!

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