



Our Kindergarten Classroom News

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News From Our Classroom

The school year is flying by and we are learning a lot! We recently switched to a new math curriculum, EngageNY, that is very comprehensive and engaging. The great thing about this curriculum is that it's available for free online so you can take a look at it anytime. We're going back and reviewing our numbers, but this time we're learning how to decompose them using manipulatives, stories and more.

In Language Arts we are continuing to learn our letter sounds, are learning parts of speech, foundations of writing, and will begin doing guided reading groups soon.

In Social Studies we have been talking about the election and the role of the president (in a kindergarten-friendly way) and even participated in our school-wide mock election. We also have been learning about famous Hispanic Americans as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, as well as about community helpers.

In Science, we had a great time on our walking field trip with Mr. Roy learning more about the Ballona Wetlands, the Ballona Lagoon, birds, trees, and other animals. Our grade-level global awareness theme is respecting living things, so this will continue to be a trend throughout the rest of the year.

We recently started DanceSmart and ArtSmart with students from Loyola Marymount University. We are so fortunate to be able to welcome these students into our classroom so that they can help us learn!

Reminders

The Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly will be held at 1:45 on Thursday October 20th.

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The school Harvest Festival will be at 1:45 on Monday, October 31st. There will be games and a costume parade, students should bring their costumes and change into them after lunch. If you do not want your child to participate, please let me know. If you would like to help out, please also let me know.

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If you would like your child to attend the field trip on November 1st, please return the permission slip by Friday, October 21st. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Home-School Connection

- Practicing different ways to make numbers.
- Working on handwriting.
- Talking about jobs people have (especially since it is college awareness month).
- Reading and writing together and talking about letter sounds.

