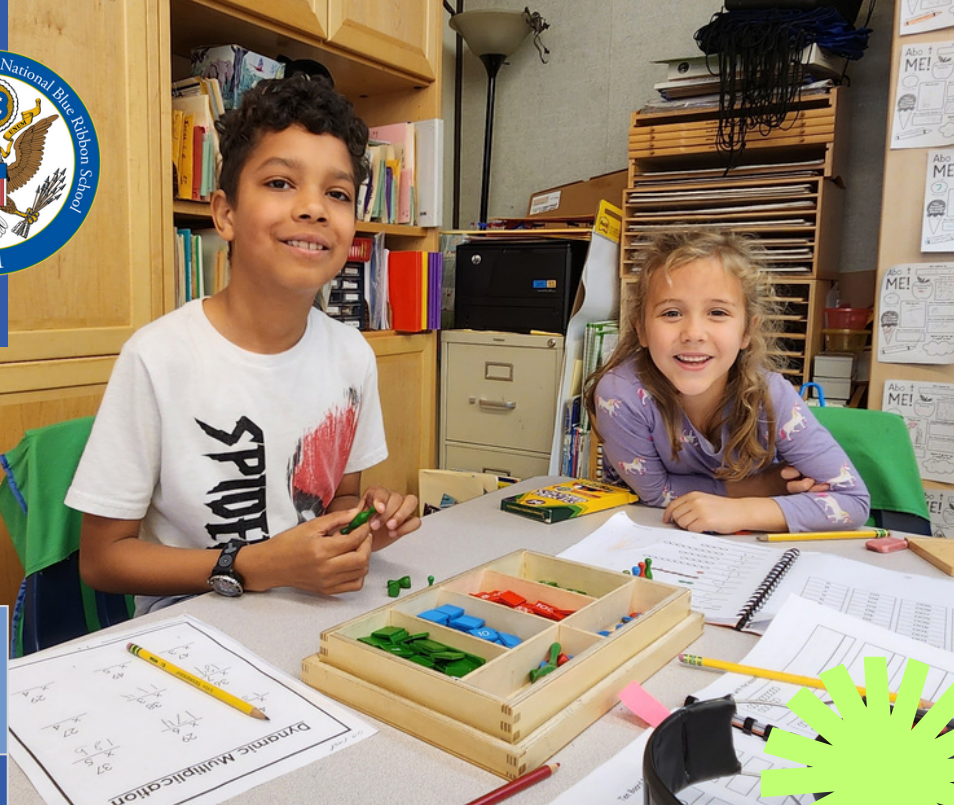


# Soldotna Montessori News

September 21, 2023



## Upcoming Events

9/21	Peace Night School Event 5:30-6:30
9/21	APC General Meeting (5:30)
9/29	School Assembly (9:00) Faris' Class Hosts
9/29	Early Release Day (2:00)
10/3	School Shirt Tie Dye Day
10/3	PTO Meeting (4:00)
10/12	Early Release Day (2:00)
10/13	NO SCHOOL End 1st Quarter
10/19	Earthquake Drill (10:19)
10/20	School Assembly (9:00) Moore's Class Hosts
10/23	Picture Retakes
10/26-27	Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/9	Early Release Day (2:00)
11/10	Vacation Day (No School)
11/23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

### Peace Night Event Tonight

Peace Night is from 5:30-6:30 and will start promptly @ 5:30 in the gym. Park in the front & use the front entry.



## Peace Night Celebration Tonight, Hotdog Dinner & APC Parent Meeting

Our annual Peace Night Celebration & APC Parent Meeting will be tonight, September 21. We will meet in the gym from 5:30 – 6:30; Students will begin hosting the evening @ 5:30, and we will sing our "One Voice" song near the beginning. There will be an independent peace message activity. After the Peace Night presentation, families will be invited to share in a hot dog meal together. We have asked parents to sign up to bring a side or chips. It is never too late to contribute, even if you didn't sign up ahead of time.

## Battle of the Books Update



Things are warming up for Battle of the Books. We have coaches for our Grade 3-4 & 5-6 B.O.B. groups. A big thank you to Kelsey Mohr (3-4) & Lashon Evans (5-6) for volunteering their time to engage our students in this reading program. We are working out a start date and meeting

days for B.O.B. meetings, but students usually meet during their lunch times to practice and answer questions about the books they read.

Battle of the Books is a program that encourages students to read through a selection of books for their grade level and to answer questions about the books. It encourages students to read a variety of books and to have fun while participating. Student can check out the books from the library, and the school also has two copies of every book for children to check out as well.

Permission slips will be going home today if you are interested in having your student participate. Also, we are still looking for a parent interested in meeting with our grade 1-2 B.O.B. students; please let the school know if you would like to fulfill this role.

# THE BACK PAGE

## Reading Connections At Home



We are encouraging families to partner with the school in support of their child’s reading attainment and growth. We love it when what we are working on at school is also something that is encouraged at home, whether that is in science, history, math, you name it. It is fun when a student exclaims that they are extending their learning outside of the classroom. A key element that families can begin to build understanding on is the Science of Reading. Each month we will provide families with a reading activity that they can use to support their student in reading, using a Science of Reading focus. We hope that the ideas we supply are helpful or useful to you and your child.



### 5 COMPONENTS OF THE SCIENCE OF READING

#### PHONIC AWARENESS PRIMARY

##### EXCHANGE SOUNDS TO BUILD NEW WORDS.

EXAMPLES TO TRY WITH YOUR CHILD:

- EXCHANGE /P/ FOR /M/ IN PATH
- EXCHANGE /B/ FOR /G/ IN GLUE
- EXCHANGE /T/ FOR /D/ IN SAT
- EXCHANGE /I/ FOR /A/ IN HIT

USE THE ABOVE MODEL, AND CREATE MORE TO PRACTICE.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS IS ALL ABOUT SOUNDS. WE "WRITE" THE SOUNDS WITH THE /M/, WE "READ" THE /M/ AS "MMM"

#### READING FLUENCY INTERMEDIATE

##### WORDS IN A HAT

As your child reads aloud, write down any missed words on scrap paper. After he or she is done reading, place the words in a bowl or hat. Draw words out and help him or her read the words correctly. To extend the exercise, have your child find the words in the text and read them within the original sentence.

Activity Supplied By Amplify mClass – Home Connection

**Phonemic awareness:** the knowledge that written and spoken words are made up of phonemes, or smaller parts; phonemic awareness provides a foundation for being able to read and spell

**Phonics:** also known as the alphabetic principle, an understanding of the relationship between written letters and the sounds they are associated with in the spoken language

**Vocabulary:** the ability to recognize and understand a wide range of words; explicit and systematic vocabulary instruction

**Reading fluency:** the ability to read quickly and with ease; fluency also includes the ability to interpret emotions in the text and use the voice accordingly to represent them, or to use the voice to emphasize words.

**Comprehension:** the ability to understand a text

More Family Reading Resources

AN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



## Lego Robotics



Lego Robotics begins this Tuesday, September 26, for students who returned permission slips and were selected to participate. (Parents were notified by email of their child’s participation status.) Robotics clubs will end at 4:45, and students will need to be picked up at the back door in the garden parking lot. 5th & 6th Grade Robotics students will also have a 2nd meeting time on Wednesdays, which will also end at 4:45. Please contact the school with questions if your student is participating in Lego Robotics this year.

