

Soldotna Montessori News

October 19, 2023



Upcoming Events

10/19	APC Meeting (5:30)
10/20	School Assembly (9:00) Moore's Class Hosts
10/21	Mind-A-Mazes (Quest Event)
10/23	Picture Retakes
10/24	Larned Field Trip Challenger Center
10/26-27	Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/31	Halloween
10/31	Hubbard Field Trip Heritage Place
11/7	PTO Meeting (4:00)
11/9	Early Release Day (2:00)
11/10	Vacation Day (No School)
11/23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
12/7	Winter Concert
12/18-1/2	Winter Break (No School)

Report Cards

Please look for your report cards in today's Thursday folder.

Next Week

There will be no Thursday Folders.



Available 10.13.23

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

ONLINE SIGN-UP

A sign-up link is available at the school website.

Parent/Teacher Conferences –Oct. 26 & 27

There will be no school for students during Parent-Teacher Conferences. We will continue to use our online conference sign-up option. Online sign-ups were made available on October 13 at noon. You can access the sign-up from our school website.

Halloween at SMCS

October brings about thoughts and plans for Halloween. Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year, and our students are allowed to wear their costumes to school. They may bring a

change of clothes for recess if their costume is not recess-proof. Costumes may not represent scary or violent characters. Please, no zombies, evil superheroes, monsters, bloody depictions, or weapons of any kind. Those costumes must be kept at home and used for family events or trick-or-treating. Students may be participating in classroom activities that are based on the holiday and/or the season. Please contact your child's teacher for details.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

This Friday, 10.20.23

SCHOOL SPIRIT & PAJAMAS DAY!

Dress code: wear your school shirt over your favorite pajamas or something comfy!

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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

MYSTERY GAME

Help your child take spoken words apart and put them together. Have your child separate the sounds in simple three-letter words, listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds. For example, pronounce mom as follows: mm-o-mm. Next, ask your child to blend sounds together to make a word. Say words one sound at a time; for example, you say sh-ee-p and your child says sheep.

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

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

READING COMPREHENSION INTERMEDIATE

STORY COMIC

Help your child create a short comic strip about this story, starting with drawing nine boxes, going from left to right. Use the first three boxes to illustrate what happened in the beginning, the next four boxes to describe what happened in the middle, and the last two boxes to describe what happened in the end.

Activity Supplied By Amplify mClass – Home Connection

More Family Reading Resources

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Battle of the Books - THANK YOU!



Our Battle Of the Books meetings started last week. Students who completed a participation form are meeting at lunch and beginning their work in reading the books from the Battle of the Books list. Notably, we have three parents who have offered to lead our grades 1-2 group, grades 3-4 group, and our grade 5-6 group. Thank you to our SMCS parents, Lashon Evans, Kelsey Mohr, and Annie Johnson for leading our BOB groups and allowing our students to participate in this fun, annual event. We couldn't do it without our parent volunteers!

