What’s Happening in the Classroom?

**English:**
We will continue to teach the alphabet names and sounds this term, as well as commonly used words. Parents who have completed the Classroom Helpers Program will be working with the teachers and children during Reading, Writing and Numeracy sessions. The children will be grouped across the Level 1 Classes for Literacy each morning. This enables us to cater very successfully for the wide range of Reading and Writing levels and so better meet the children’s changing needs. The children will work in small teacher led groups in the classroom for formal reading instruction and will bring home ‘readers’ and library books to share and enjoy with their families. We highly recommend that you set aside a little time each day to engage in the reading experience with your child.

**Mathematics:**
This term we will focus on: using the language of positions to give and follow directions, asking questions and collecting data to make graphs, describing the information presented on graphs, writing the numerals 1-20, recording addition facts to 10, doubling to 10, the probability of certain events occurring and comparing mass and volume.

**Integrated Studies:**
This term’s Units of Study are ‘Pets’ and ‘Too Hot Too Cold Just Right?’ The children will learn about Pets, the different kinds and the environment they need to be healthy and happy. Students will understand the responsibility in owning a pet. We will also be looking at Weather in “Too hot, Too Cold, Just Right.” Students will learn about the importance of saving water, the water cycle and how our lives are affected by the type of weather we have.

**Art:**
The students will continue to experience making art works with the wide variety of materials and equipment available in the Art Room. They will practice basic drawing, painting, construction, collage and modeling skills to create their own ideas about a topic. Activities will compliment the work the students are doing in their Integrated Unit in the classroom.

**Music:**
Preps and Prepkins will be continuing to develop their musical skills by:
- Singing and moving (developing solfa)
- Playing untuned percussion instruments
- Playing basic tuned accompaniments on marimbas
- Developing rhythm reading and aural skills

**Indonesian:**
The children will be learning the Indonesian number words for digits 1 – 5 and taught the terms for addition (tambah) and subtraction (tolak). A game called “Panas,” (hot) and “Sejuk,” (cold) will be introduced.
Physical Education:
Term 2 will have the continuation of PMP on Tuesday afternoons. PE classes will continue to develop the basic movement skills and improving motor skills of catching and throwing with bean bags, koosh balls and other balls of different shapes and sizes.

Information Technology:
The children will use the graphics program ‘KidPix’ and begin to do simple word processing with an emphasis on using Word Art on the classroom computers. Students will be introduced to the use of the digital camera and students will take photos of classroom activities.

Visiting Your Child’s Classroom:
Children are often keen to ‘show’ their classroom to parents either before school or when collected in the afternoon. Visits for a quick browse at these times are always welcome, but please keep in mind that for safety reasons children are not to be inside unaccompanied. Generally teachers are busy with preparations for the day, so it is best to make contact and arrange a suitable time for any specific discussions.

Dates to Remember:

- 30th March: School Photos
- 31st March: Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion
- 7th April: School Disco
- 10th April: Prep D Assembly
- 12th April: Circus Maximus Incursion
- 19th April: Family Life
- 20th April: Prep visit to RSPCA Grade O and D
- 21st April: Prep visit to RSPCA Grade S and K
- 25th April: Anzac Day Holiday
- 3rd May: Family Life Session 2
- 8th May-12 May: Education Week
- 22nd May: Prep K Assembly
- 26th May: Curriculum Day
- 8th June: Cloudia Raindrop Incursion
- 12th June: Queen Birthday Holiday
- 13th-14th June: Parent Teacher Interviews
- 16th June: End of Term 2, 2.30 dismissal

Every Wednesday is a Rubbish Free Lunch Day for JPPS!!!!

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