What’s Happening in the Classroom?

English
The children in Level 1 will continue to be instructed in flexible Guided Reading Groups. They may work in classrooms other than their own to ensure that their specific requirements and strengths are accommodated. In addition we will complete teaching the alphabet names and sounds this term. The children may bring home lists of frequently used words to practise reading and spelling. They 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 counting patterns and extending understandings of larger numbers. Students will continue to carry out activities involving the processes of addition and subtraction. The process of “division” will be introduced later in the term. The children will carry out simple mapping tasks as well as a variety of tasks involving aspects of volume and capacity. We also look forward to having our parent helpers who have completed the Classroom Helpers Program to help the teachers and children during our Numeracy sessions.

Integrated Studies
This term we are studying ‘Harold’s Surprise’ and ‘Moving Along’. In our first unit we will be looking at ways to keep ourselves healthy and safe. The children will visit the Life Education van. This will be followed up by a variety of activities back in the classroom. In our second unit students will be learning about the way things move. They will be asked to make something that moves at home and bring it along to school and present it to the class.

Art
The children will continue to be introduced to a variety of activities in the Art Room. They will develop their skills in the areas of collage construction, modelling, painting, drawing, threads and textiles. Topics will be related to the classroom Integrated Units of Study where relevant.

Indonesian
The children will learn about colours, “Warna.” They will also be introduced to words for objects in the classroom. They will consolidate their learning by working on activities in the Indonesian CD-ROMs.
Physical Education
Term 3 will have PMP continuing on Tuesday afternoons. These classes help with the development of basic motor skills, such as balance, co-ordination and movement patterns. PE classes will continue work on basic small and large ball handling skills, including throwing and catching, rolling and stopping. Students will be introduced to Gymnastics activities and later in the term will complete a short program of dancing.

Music
Preps will be focusing on accurate pitch placement with their voices. We will be working on beat and rhythm, learning crotchets, quavers and crotchet rests. Activities will include singing, dancing, moving, playing instruments and developing aural perception skills.

Information Technology
Students will continue to use the classroom Smart Board to enhance and promote their learning. The children will use a variety of graphics programs and continue to do word processing using Microsoft Word on the classroom computers. Students will use the digital camera to take photos of classroom activities.

Term 3, 2006 Dates to Remember:
- 26th July  Life Education Van arrives at JPPS
- 27th July  National Tree Day
- 6th August  Life Education Van leaves JPPS
- 17th August  Curriculum Day
- 20th August  Prep D and Prep O Assembly
- 21st August  Prep Incursion ‘Hands On Science’
- 7th September  School Disco
- 10th September  Prep S Assembly
- 21st September  End of Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal

Newsletter Publication Times
The school newsletter will be posted on the school website www.jpps.vic.edu.au on the following dates, Thursday 2nd August, Thursday 16th August, Thursday 30th August and Thursday 13th September.

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