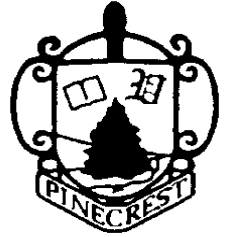


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone had a fun filled summer. We are happy to see all our returning families and also all the new families who are joining Pinecrest Moorpark.

The summer program at Pinecrest Schools was a huge success and I wanted to thank Coach Langley and all our counselors for the excellent job they did.

Remember that there are a few changes in our handbook, so please review it and bring in the signed slip to your child's teacher.

Family Fitness will be on Friday, September 30th. This is a great opportunity to meet other families while having fun with your child.

If you ever have any questions, feel free to stop by the office or call.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cauthron
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

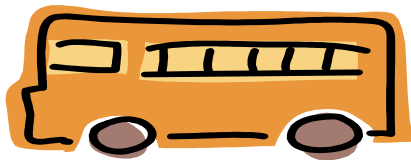
- 9/1 - School Starts 8:15
- 9/5 - Campus Closed - Labor Day
- 9/8 - ABC Kids Uniform Sale
- 9/9 - Wear red, white & blue in observance of Patriot Day
- 9/12 - Preschool Pictures
- 9/13 - Elementary Pictures
- 9/30 - Family Fitness Day

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Rodriguez Room 11

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am looking forward to a very busy and productive year, filled with exciting friends, fun and academics. This month we will cover many reviewing skills. In Language Arts we will be focusing on letter recognition, alphabetical order, name writing, rhyming and beginning word sounds. Math has us working on number recognition, value and patterns. Our Science and Social studies unit will cover topics like all about me and our monthly character curriculum will focus on a positive classroom. I look forward to having a successful school year with your children.

Together we can make a difference.



FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Morris-Room 12
Mrs. Goldberg-Room 15

Welcome to the First Grade! We enjoyed meeting all of you at Back to School Night. This is going to be a wonderful year full of challenging and fun, new learning experiences. The first few weeks of September will be spent reviewing and reinforcing concepts learned last year. In Reading, the students will be working on high frequency words. These are words your children need to be able to read and spell correctly. We will also be journal writing on a daily basis. Language Arts has the students reviewing beginning and ending sounds. Later in the month, the children will be going over the short vowel sounds.

In Grammar, we will be practicing writing sentences with a capital at the beginning and proper punctuation at the end. During Math, we will be reviewing basic addition and subtraction facts. While in Science, we will be learning about our bones, muscles, and the brain. We will find out what your bones do. Which body part helps you to move and which part tells your body what to do. In our first unit in Social Studies, we will cover "Rules and Laws." We will learn about why we need to follow rules, how laws help communities, how do community leaders help people and how can you show respect for others? We are looking forward to having a wonderful and successful year with your children.

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Williams - Room 21
Mrs. Millar - Room 22

We are very excited about the start of our school year. We are making some new friends and the children are happy to see their friends from last year. We are looking forward to a very busy and productive year. In Math this month, we will spend time reviewing concepts learned last year as well as, work with addition and subtraction facts. In Grammar, we will work on proper sentence mechanics. In Phonics, we will focus on the hard/soft C and G. In addition, the students will also be writing in their journals daily. Our Science journey will take us into the discovery of movement, force/motion, magnets and machines. This is a very exciting unit for students. In Social Studies, we will focus on map skills. Our wonderful social studies series makes this a very interesting and fun unit for the students. Please remember to sign your child's homework nightly. We look forward to getting to know you and your child.



THIRD GRADE

Mrs. C Schuyler-Room 19
Mrs. S Schuyler-Room 20

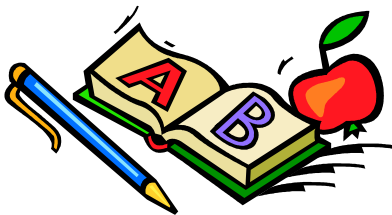
Our third graders are learning so many new and exciting things. We are starting our Reading unit and working with comprehension and setting while reading our short stories. We will also be starting our Literature Unit with Charlotte's Web. In Science, we will be working on our Life Science Unit with a main focus on ecosystems, habitats and the environments animals and plant live in. We will discuss how people fit into the ecosystem and how humans can protect the Earth's resources. In Social studies we will start our Unit 1, which focuses on our geography of California and other map skills. This should be a fun unit. This month we will start our unit on Sentences in Language Arts and also start working on our word books. In Math, we will continue to work on our multiplication and addition facts. We will also work with rounding and place value.



FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Dillon - Room 16

The 4th grade is full of enthusiasm. They are embracing all aspects of the curriculum. In English we are reading selections from our Literature book. At mid-month we will begin to read the beautifully crafted story of Karana from the Island of the Blue Dolphin book. Upon completion we will write a book report in class focusing on setting, characters, problems, and solutions. This will give the students exposure to properly formatted paragraphs. In math, we will be working on place values through the millions, ordering and comparing greater numbers, adding and subtracting will be our focus this month. Many students are visiting Mrs. Adams' office after school to brush up on multiplication facts. In science, the students are enjoying learning about electricity, energy and simple machine, in our physical science unit. Experience will bring the concepts to life. We will start map reading and an understanding of California's location during social studies. This concept will also include an understanding of longitude and latitude. We will introduce and reinforce organization and study skills daily. The fourth graders are off to a



great start.

FIFTH GRADE

We are off to a great start in 5th grade. The students are ready to go and excited to learn. In science we are starting our Life Science unit with a chapter on cells. Many of them will get to look through a microscope for the first time. We will soon begin our first in class project. We will be creating 3D cell structure and label it.

In English we are jumping into spelling and vocabulary. Grammar for this month focuses on sentence, subjects, predicates and correcting sentence fragments. We will also be working on few short written projects with poetry and friend interviews. Mrs. Hogan will be the fifth grade math teacher this year. During the next few weeks, our math class will be learning about numbers from billions to decimals. We will be comparing, ordering, and rounding these numbers. You can expect to see work that provides practice with comparing whole numbers and comparing decimals. Mrs. Hogan will be the social studies teacher this year. The 5th grade curriculum is a study of the United States. This begins with the crossing of the land bridge over the Bering Strait through the American Revolution. In September we will focus on the geography of our country.

LIBRARY Mrs. Hogan

Welcome to our library! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. My name is Mrs. Hogan and it is my pleasure, as the elementary librarian, to have the opportunity to provide your children with an exceptional experience in our library through my love of books and reading. I am looking forward to an exciting year in the library! Classroom library volunteers are needed for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades! Volunteers will assist with checkout and shelving the books borrowed by the students. Being a "special reader of the day" is always an option! Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity. It is fun and your child will love having you here while providing a great service to our school. Please call me at (805) 529-3255 or stop by the library for information on how you can help. We would love to have you join us! Congratulations to our summer readers! Reading journals are due by September 16, 2011. Mrs. Cauthron will recognize each individual's reading accomplishment at the summer reading assembly on October 17, 2011. Each child who has fulfilled the grade level requirements will receive a certificate and a gift book for being outstanding summer reader.

I hope that you have been collecting box tops. It is a great way to add to our library program. Just clip the coupons, place them in a Ziploc baggie with your child's name and class on it. Your child's class will bring their collection to the library during their visit. We will receive ten cents per coupon. Thank you for all your help! Our first collection will be in October.



MUSIC Mrs. Leslie

Welcome back to school. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. The new school year has just started and we are experiencing the joy of making music. Thank you for your support and particularly for encouraging your child in his/her study of music. The investment of time, effort and energy will produce life-long dividends. In September, we are reviewing basic rhythms and their correlating rests, and applying various games. All grades are ready flashcards with various rhythm patterns and apply them to a song entitled "Johnny Appleseed". In honor of Oktoberfest, we will celebrate the end of September by dancing the "Chicken Dance" and the "Hokey Pokey". Please note that the after-school music lab has begun. Lessons will begin September 12th, and run for 10 weeks, with three sessions remaining. Classes are offered in piano, voice, guitar and drums. We also will be offering Fairy Tale Theater for Kindergarten and Musical Theater for 1st-5th, and Rock Band. These classes are a lot of fun and very educational. Thank you for your support of music education. You play an important role in everything we do. Welcome to the new school year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION and AFTER SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope that everybody had a fun and safe summer break. We're very excited about the upcoming school year here at Pinecrest Moorpark. We have a lot of fun and exciting events planned for this year. Throughout the year you will be receiving information from our department concerning upcoming events. Some things to look forward to this year are Peewee and after school sports, Jump Rope and Hoops for heart, and Olympic Day just to name a few. We hope to see all of you at all of all our events this year. After school sports is offered to all of our 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. Everyone who signs up is on the team. We are looking forward to another banner year in Athletics. The boys will be playing football, and the girls will be playing basketball. They will be practicing daily from 3:15-4:30 pm. We hope to see you at the games rooting on our Mountain Lions.



COMPUTERS

Mrs. Mazeika

Hurrah! It's September again and time to start a brand new year at school! I am so excited to start this New Year with all of your wonderful children. I have lots of exciting new ideas for computers this year and can't wait to get started. In your welcome packet from computers, there is an Internet Permission slip that needs to be signed and returned. Third, fourth and fifth graders are the only students that search for information the Internet. Second grade is using a typing program that is very fun for them to start to learn to type. I use the Internet in Kindergarten and first grade classes to take them on virtual tours or to look up fun facts as a group. I would like to remind everyone that I am still recycling electronic waste and printer cartridges. If you have any old and empty cartridges, don't throw them in the trash! Send them in with your child and I will send them away to be recycled. We are looking to hold an E-Waster recycling event this fall. Please bring your old computers, TVs, cell phones, monitors and other electronics for recycling. Watch for information to come home in October. Over the years we have saved hundreds of pounds of printer cartridges and electronics from ending up in our landfills. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to drop me an email at bmazeika@pinecrestschools.com. I check my email frequently and will get back to you as soon as I can.



SPANISH

Mrs. Garcia

Bienvenidos! Welcome!

I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. I am very excited about the upcoming school year. Kindergarten-2nd grade will be reviewing fundamentals of Spanish. This will consist of numbers, letters, colors, family and basic vocabulary. Students in 3rd-5th grade will be focusing on basic greetings, conversation and response to oral questions. I encourage all parents to practice with their child as much as possible. We look forward to having a successful year.

NURSE JEN

Welcome back to school!

Just a few reminders:

- 1) Please remember to pack extra clothes and replenish the cubby boxes whenever you use the items.
 - 2) Medication forms must be brought in and update them whenever you receive new immunizations.
 - 3) All medicine must be turned into the Nurse's office and a *Request for Medicine* turned in.
- Thank you and have a great September

