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Primary Years Program Classroom and Curriculum News

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you about some of the things we will be learning in the next six weeks of school. You will find below each of the Primary Years Programme essential elements of the curriculum: knowledge, concepts, skills and attitudes. You might like to ask your child about what they are doing in the different subject areas. We look forward to seeing the children take action following what they are learning!

Ms. Cardenas

Unit of Inquiry (UOI):

Our Unit of Inquiry is: "Communities"

The central idea is that: People organize groups to meet the needs of their community.

An inquiry into

- Communities come in many forms (form)
- There are specific roles in communities (function)
- The members of a community are independent (connection)

Learner Profiles: Knowledgeable and Reflective

Attitudes: Cooperation, Commitment, and Respect.

English Language: ...

In English we will be learning how to demonstrate our comprehension of explanations or instructions. In addition, we will also demonstrate how to properly ask questions such as "whom, what, when, where, and why?". In reading, we will be responding to various text forms such as nonfiction and fiction by making connections such as self, text, and other cultures.

German Language:

First of all, we will concentrate on the 1st U.O.I. and find out interesting facts about our community in Ulm. The book recommendation for this UOI is "Lilli Langohr entdeckt Ulm". We will focus on nouns and their articles and will start working with spelling rules (e.g. the beginning of a sentence and nouns are capitalized). Every Thursday the students will get homework for one week. We work according to the Bavarian Curriculum, Grundschule Klasse 2.

Materials: Das Sprachbuch 2; Hefte mit Linien für Klasse 2; Das Sprachbuch 2 - Arbeitshefte; Ordner mit Arbeitsblättern ~Ms. Gebhardt

German as a foreign language:

The non-native speakers will be integrated with the German speakers in order to build up their vocabulary as quickly as possible. ~Ms. Gebhardt

Mathematics:

In Mathematics, we will first be focusing how to write whole numbers to at least 1000 and understand what each digit represents. We will also be exploring counting on or back in tens or hundreds from any two or three digit number. Moreover, we will also work on memorizing all addition and subtraction facts for each number to 20.

PE:

Our first unit in P.E. this year will be Individual Pursuits and Athletics; running, track and field, and cross country. Students will participate in events such as long jump, relays, sprinting, etc. They will also have an opportunity to learn about pacing, not racing in cross country running.

Mr. Eide

Music:

This Unit we will repeat our last year's repertoire and start building a new one with the song "Everything is Awesome" from the Lego movie. We will focus on learning the hand signs for *so* and *mi*, performing actions in time with pulse, play games, improve accurate pitching, inner hearing and build self-confidence.

At the end of the Unit we will have a Talent Show, when every student can have a chance to present a song, a joke or play the instrument of his/her choice in front of the peers. These days are really loved and popular between our students. This opportunity boosts the self-confidence and gives the chance to open new talents.

Mrs. Sokyrbá-Kostyrko

Art:

For this unit, students will create an abstract piece of 2 dimensional art that is inspired by maps and the ways in which we organise our communities.

Miss Thomas

How Parents Can Support Learning:

Please check your child's "Homework Folder" at the end of each day. In addition, it is important to look over their homework calendar to keep informed about their behavior to ensure they are following the class' Essential Agreements. It is important to make sure students read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night.

Dates to remember:

September 6	Back to School Night 7 pm
September 12	After School Activity Program (ASAP) begins
September 17	Einstein Marathon – optional for students
September 22	School Pictures
October 3	School Holiday, No school
October 7	End of 1st Unit of Inquiry
October 28	Parent - Teacher Conferences