

SEPT./OCT. 2020

BEAVERCEEK PRESCHOOL



UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 7 - Character Education - wear yellow for *Respect*

Oct. 7 - PTO meeting at 6:30pm

Oct. 8 - Picture Day

Oct. 23 - End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 29 - Halloween Parties

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

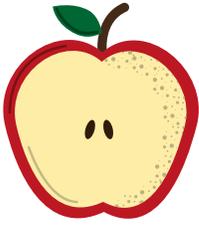
This school year parent-teacher fall conferences will take place between the weeks of Oct. 26th - Nov. 13th. Teachers will be reaching out to parents soon to begin scheduling these if they have not already.

Conferences are a time to talk with your child's teacher, discuss educational and developmental goals as well as any progress made thus far.

Teachers will be available for conferences via Google Meet. If you would like to request an in-person conference, please contact your child's teacher. For those attending in person, teachers will provide COVID specific building procedures for you to follow before attending the conference. Students and other children will not be permitted in the building since we will not have time to sanitize play areas of the classroom, including toys.



Classroom Spotlight



Ms. Stockholm
and
Mrs. Laughman



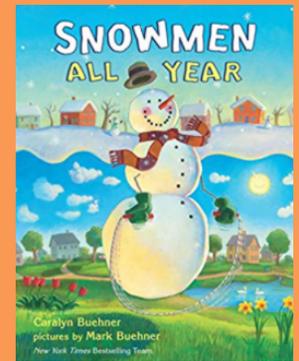
Ms. Stockholm and Mrs. Laughman's class explored apples during the month of September. They became "Junior Scientists" and explored apples inside and out. The students used all 5 senses (sight, sound, taste, and smell) while exploring. First, students learned that apples grow on apple trees.

They pretended to be apple seeds and grew up big and strong to become apple trees. Next, they practiced picking apples from the apple trees. The class worked together to learn and label all of the parts of the apple tree and apple (tree, root, flower, seedling, stem, skin, flesh, seeds, etc.) Once they had their hands on some apples they used all of their senses to explore them. What did they sound like?

What did they feel like? What do they smell like? What do they look like? Next, the class opened up apples and explored the inside and outside. They compared and contrasted how they looked, felt, and smelled on the outside vs. the inside. The class was finally able to try and eat apples in two different ways. They tried red, yellow, and green apples and worked as a class to make applesauce. Throughout the unit, they used many preschool skills to show what they learned by cutting, ripping, drawing, charting, using describing words, etc. Overall, the students are now "apple experts" and are excited to share their apple knowledge.



Therapist Zone – Speech



When Reading Books...

Reading at home gives parents the opportunity to promote speech, language, and literacy skills. Below is a page from the book *Snowmen All Year*, by Caralyn Buehner and Mark Buehner. Using pictures, parents can bring conversations about books to a whole new level! Depending on your child's age, you may want to point and talk about the pictures, give wait time or even make multiple comments about each picture. Examples by age group are below.



1-2 Years

Talk and Point to the Pictures

"Wow! I see a Tiger!"
"ROAR ROAR tiger"
Touch the snowman"
Look! This girl is drinking"
"Where is the giraffe?" (point)
"Here it is!"
Is this a bird? NOOOO, that's silly! It's a tiger!"
The tiger is sleeping, night night tiger."

2-3 Years

Talk, Point, Give Wait Time

"This tiger is sleeping, but this tiger is ...walking"
"Wow! That elephant is so big! It's huge!"
"A Snowman feels...cold! Burr!"
"The giraffes are FAR away"
"I see one elephant and two giraffes"
The girl is IN the stroller. What is she doing? She is ...sleeping"

3-4 Years

Make More Statements Than Questions

"This little girl is short, but the giraffe isTall!"
"I love going to the zoo! My favorite animal is a ..."
"The girl has her head in a lion's mouth! What is she doing? Do you think she is in danger?"
"A snowman is cold, I bet I can think of more things that are cold...ice cream, snow, milk!"
"I wonder what would happen if the fence broke..."

Social Emotional

Learning Corner

Self Awareness

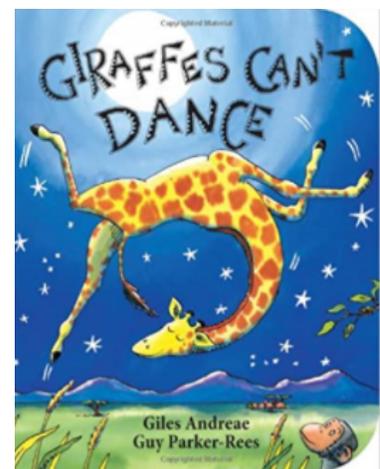
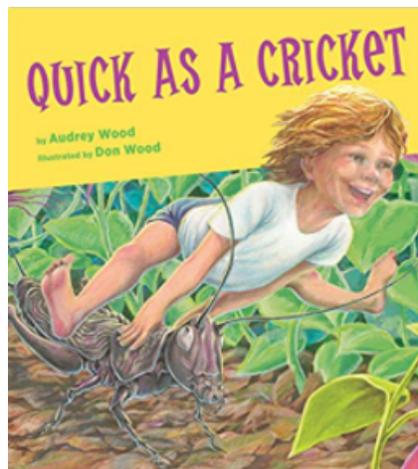
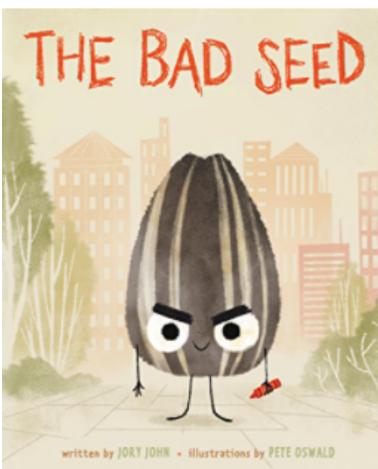
A realistic understanding of our strengths and weaknesses, together with a desire for self-improvement, is essential for success. Unfortunately, children are often more aware of what they cannot do as opposed to what they can do and are successful at.

To help children be successful, parents can help them become aware of their strengths and successes so they can utilize these skills in the future.

For preschool students, parents can offer specific encouragement by describing what happened because of the child's actions. Parents should describe exactly what the child does as opposed to judgmental comments such as "good job" or "you're so nice." Try "you helped your friend when she dropped her toys, that is so helpful to her" or "your painting has so many colors and I see how hard you worked to add lots of details."

When a child hears a description of an outcome of their behavior, they have more self-awareness and will likely display similar behaviors moving forward.

BOOKS



Community Chat



Community Chats are a time to find out what is going on around the district! Mr. Paul Otten, Beavercreek Superintendent, will be available to give updated district information regarding the start of the school year, Covid-19, contact tracing, November ballot initiative, and future plans. Kristine Montague will also be available to give an update about the Preschool Center. At the conclusion of the presentation, we will open it up to questions from community members.

Community Chats will be held virtually via Google Meet. The links below are for the Community Chats featuring Paul Otten and Kristine Montague. We hope you are able to join us!

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020
9:30am**

Meeting ID -
meet.google.com/vpa-qsam-pfp
Phone Numbers
(US)+1 916-750-3470
PIN: 549 645 423#

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020
1:00pm**

Meeting ID -
meet.google.com/xcz-gjof-wws
Phone Numbers
(US)+1 541-714-5031
PIN: 943 521 075#

Additional Community Chats with Principals from around the district have been scheduled. Meeting links will be posted on the district website.

Shaw Elementary	Wednesday October 7, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Fairbrook Elementary	Thursday October 8, 2020	5:30 p.m.
Trebein Elementary	Tuesday October 13, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Ferguson Hall	Wednesday October 14, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Coy Middle School	Tuesday October 20, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Ankeney Middle School	Wednesday October 21, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Beavercreek High School	Thursday October 22, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Main Elementary	Tuesday October 27, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Parkwood Elementary	Wednesday October 28, 2020	5:30 p.m.
Valley Elementary	Thursday October 29, 2020	6:00 p.m.

School Ballot Issue

Some Answers to Questions we are Hearing About the School Ballot Issue...

Q: Where do I obtain information about the school ballot issue?

A: Remember that our schools are on the November 3 ballot. To learn more, please visit gocreek.org.

Q: What is on the ballot for our schools?

A: Beaver Creek City School District is on the November 3, 2020 ballot for zero tax increase of a 9.80-mill substitute emergency levy. It is a zero increase for residents because it will substitute out for a soon-to-expire levy that, if passed, will allow for uninterrupted, continued funding for our schools.

Q: How much of the budget does this issue represent?

A: The levy represents 18% of the district's current operating budget. Operating budgets fund the day-to-day operations of our schools such as teachers, textbooks and utilities. This request comes with the commitment of continued efficiencies in the district's budget. This is what our community expects and deserves.

Information about voting is available at: www.VoteOhio.gov



Reminders

Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival and dismissal have been going well. Please remind anyone picking up your child to have their photo ID. Additionally, we will be trying a new procedure when it rains. We will try to keep kids inside for as long as possible. Teachers will be communicating via Bloomz so you know where to pick up your child.

PTO Meeting

Reminder we have our first PTO meeting on Oct. 7th at 6:30pm. It will be a virtual meeting. We will send out the link to families next week.



School Pictures

Pictures are next week on October 8th. If your child is absent from school, we will have a make-up day in December.

School Fees and Tuition

School fees and tuition statements were sent home on Sept. 17th. Please remember these are due upon receipt.

Second quarter tuition will be sent home at the end of October.

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