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# SEED newsletter

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September 3rd and all new members will start September 17th.

## **Toddler 1s** **Sarah/Meryl/Danielle**

Despite our small class size, the students have been doing some big things! All of the children are developing a sense of independence and are confident in exploring the classroom. We had our first experience with painting last week and it was fun to see the various levels of interest and unexpected reactions from the mess, including a few "facials." We hope you enjoy the creations in our hall display.

## **Toddler 2s** **Jamie/Lyndsy**

The beginning of the year jitters are officially gone and we've all settled into a peaceful classroom community. Last week we concentrated on learning how to properly wash our hands, following two-step directions and using scissors. The toddlers have even set a new record. They sat intently in circle for 18 minutes! Now that is something to celebrate! In art we created a giant layered birthday cake, which will become our official birthday display for the year to come. To help create the cake, the toddlers practiced painting with gentle strokes and learned a little bit about glue and its functions.

## **Preschool 2.5s/3s** **Carly/Melanie**

"What's gonna work? Teamwork!" The class has been working hard this week participating in team building activities. They've had to work



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## **Parent Curriculum Night**

Parent Curriculum Nights have been established for next week. All curriculum nights begin at 6:00 and end at 7:00 for toddlers and preschoolers, and 7:30 for elementary students. The days for each class are as follows:

Mon, Sept. 13th	T-1s, T-2s
Tues, Sept 14th	K-1, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th P-2.5/3s
Wed, Sept 15th	P-3s, P-4s, PreK

Children should come with you for this, as it's their opportunity to show you what they do at school. The curriculum night for the toddler classes is for parents only.

## **Love and Logic Newsletter**

If you're a Love and Logic fan and would like to sign up for their informative weekly newsletters, go to this link: <https://www.mynewsletterbuilder.com/tools/subscription.php?username=loveandlogic>

## **Summer Baby Seeds**

Over the summer we had two new baby Seeds born. On June 19th, Reese Thompson Saunders was born, joining big brother Rowan (Toddler 2s) and parents, Kelley and Justin. Henry Powers (Toddler 2s) became a big brother to Sam on his very own birthday, July 9th! His parents are Tracey and Jake Powers. Congratulations to both families.

## **After School News**

After school is bringing the ocean alive with the help of fish kits, treasure maps and treasure chests. They might even find a buried treasure out on the playground towards the end of the month. As the continues to cool off the kids will explore the outdoor area through physical activities like Scatter, line tag, Medic and Simon Says. Diane, the Spanish teacher, will be starting knitting club for first through fourth graders on Fridays from 3:30-4:30 in Kerri's K-1 room. Returning members will start

as a group to keep the ball on the parachute without letting it touch the floor and they have even been doing artwork as a team. In the weeks to come we will be exploring many different sports such as baseball, soccer, and even bowling! Next week we will be springing our sport study into action by focusing on gymnastics. If there are any parents interested in coming in to demonstrate his or her favorite sport, please let us know.

### **Preschool 3s Kevin/Katie**

Hopefully you heard and/or saw lots about germs and germ catchers last week. Our class poster is complete and on display in the hallway. It's a great way for your students to identify themselves as part of a larger entity. Please take a moment with your children to check it out. This week, we'll collage self-portraits using various glued media. Each snack person this month will have an opportunity to share their page from the [Family Book](#) we are creating. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to volunteer and for the wish list purchases.

### **Preschool 4s Deb/Billie**

Circle etiquette, fire drills, clean up routines and bathroom procedures are becoming second nature to the Preschool 4s. A review of colors and shapes gave the children an opportunity to use their matching skills and to ponder the shapes of a lime and a plate. Efforts to personalize the classroom are under way and include cubby labels, family place mats and a birthday cake. In the outdoor area, the children played in the water, ate slices of fresh cucumbers from the garden, examined a palo verde beetle up close and watered the melons. Many thanks to following families for their contributions to the classroom wish list: Minutella, Robles, Bradley, and Badding.

### **PreK Emily/Tatiana**

"It's very important to hold lonely babies." Our heads swam with helpful and important ideas (see above) after reading [The Three Questions](#) by Jon Muth. We practiced being helpful to those who are important to us: those near us. We wrote our ideas on prayer

flags, made of paper towels soaked with carefully dripped drops of paint. We've built our family posters and Mat Man. "E" and "F" have made the wall and this week we begin work on "H." Our interests jumped from bugs to jobs. This week we look forward to diving into a single, student-guided study.

### **K-1 Kerri/Michelle**

Way to go, parents! We now have an amazing alphabet book completely created by our own class. Way to go, parents! Thanks for encouraging your child to complete homework on time. We have also begun homework boxes and mini books for kindergartners while the 1st graders work on weekly homework packets. This week we will jump into a science unit on the five senses by tasting, smelling, listening, seeing and touching our way through hands-on activities. We're keeping busy with math facts and patterns, too. Please start hunting for a family photo, which everyone will need for Parent Curriculum Night next Tuesday evening.

### **1st/2nd Grades Becky/Dina**

Just as it is important for children to read at home, it is essential for them to do mathematics at home. The children in our class are asked to take home number games that they have been playing in class to teach family members. These games serve the dual purpose of giving students practice in thinking about number operations and relationships and giving our students' families an exciting way of learning "traditional" mathematics. Classroom routines such as taking attendance and using the calendar give our students regular mathematical skills in counting, collecting data and understanding time. Learning mathematics is fun!

### **3rd/4th Grades Aimee/Kaylee**

The oldest kids at the Seed have adjusted well to the routine of school. Each morning we begin with a warm up to get our minds tuned into school. Establishing the routine of independently getting started as soon as we've washed our hands took some time, but now we've got it down. The warm up exercise

## Mark Your Calendar

### Parent Curriculum Night

*Mon, Sept 13th  
T-1s, T-2s*

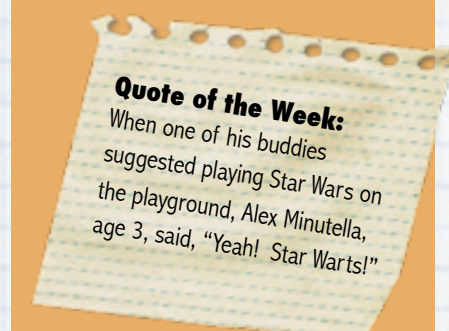
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**Tie Dye/Tile Day**  
*Thursday, September 23rd  
3-6 p.m.*

**Teacher Work Day**  
*Friday, September 24th  
no school*

**School Pictures**  
*(DATES CHANGED)  
Tues/Wed, Sept 28th/29th*



might be grammar, spelling, math, or writing and might be different for each grade level. If you walk by and glance in the window just after nine, don't be surprised if you see the 3rd/4th graders with their heads bent over their desks, hard at work already.

### **September Birthdays**

Matilda Romanelli  
Becca Arnold  
Jacob Luecker  
Rowan Saunders  
Madeleine Dueppen  
Xan Michael  
Coral Thomas  
Ava Boudi  
Jamie & Connor Mohnach  
Elias Cardenas  
Gigi Winzer