



NEWSLETTER

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Volume 2

GARDENING UNDERWAY

Now that our compost is busy composting, look



for the next step – planting! We just laid in our supply of peat moss & vermiculite (for root growth), and now

we're ready to dig in...

FLIP CLASS UPDATE

Flip class videos are now labeled by **week**, **subject** and **lesson**, so it should be easy to grab the ones you need. You can find it on Google Drive in the "Shared with me" folder. We've also posted a **Spanish PE video** to review PE phrases. Last, check out this recent webinar on the importance and value of flip classes:

<http://flippedlearning.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2&PageType=17&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=1&EventDateID=106>

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

We'll get ready for our Harvest party with a visit to the museum's spooky spider exhibit! Oct. 30, with more details to follow. Parents that can carpool please call the office so we can coordinate.

CLASSROOM DONATIONS

Needed: Your time and your stuff ☺

Thanks very much for your donations so far. As we head into our second month it's becoming more clear what supplies we're going through quickly. If you'd like to donate to help we could use the following:

- Toner cartridges: **Brother TN 720** or **TN 750** for the b&w laser, **HP 61** for the color ink jet.
- Books (help build class library)
- "**Markerboard People**" brand medium dry erase markers (for the kids to use on their boards): [\[http://www.dryerase.com/Medium%20Tip%20Markers\]](http://www.dryerase.com/Medium%20Tip%20Markers)
- Glue sticks

For projects

- Empty Coffee Cans
- Help building garden beds + wooden boards

Harvest Party Oct 31

Join us on Wednesday, October 31st with kids dressed as their favorite creature, super-hero, bad guy, animal, or something else, for games, treats and fun!



Oasis Harvest Party

Friday October 31 in the Mandarin room after lunch. Please bring a treat to add to the fun.

TECHNOLOGY TUESDAYS

The kids are doing great, learning what the internet is and how it works; learning how to control their iPads, how to download images, resize them and create documents; while also starting to practice their keyboarding.

To insure we can move forward at a steady pace, it would be helpful to drop off the iPads in the office each Tuesday morning, with access possible to add images, documents if necessary.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10 Student Hot Chocolate
13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17 SCHOOL CLOSED Parent/Teacher Conferences
20	21	22 Parent Coffee (after drop-off).	23	24
27	28	29	30 Natural History Museum Field Trip	31 Harvest Party!



EMERGENCY COMFORT KITS

We are gathering our comfort kits to keep at school in case of emergency. The kit will help sustain your child before being picked up safely from school. A downloadable set of emergency instructions with a checklist for the kits can be found here:

<http://is.gd/QIMrlp>

These instructions also include places you can buy the kits online, ready-made.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND DRESS-UP COSTUME DRIVE

Our music, drama and language teachers are seeking **small instruments** to accompany our music classes, and **dress-up costumes and accessories** to bring our drama and language classes alive with fun skits. To acquire the Glockenspiel (bell) sets and recorders requested for music class, we need to raise a total of **\$380**.

For the dress-up clothes, we'd like fun, donated clothing and accessories including some that align with our vocabulary, like doctor, fire, police, nurse, postal and chef costumes. And if you already have extra Glockenspiel sets or recorders at home, or know a good source to get them, please let us know.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

For those parents who would like the option for later pickups, we are now developing our After-School Program that will include homework time, snacks, play and projects, at a moderate price to make the after school hours well-spent and fun. If you are interested please be in touch with the office.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (SCHOOL CLOSED OCT. 17)

On **October 17th** Oasis will be closed so we may conduct parent/teacher conferences. We will schedule appointments in an up coming email.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSES

In **MANDARIN LANGUAGE ARTS** students conceived and built their own buildings, and then presented and described them to the class in Mandarin. In **SPANISH LANGUAGE ARTS** students went on a treasure hunt, following directions in Spanish to comb their classroom searching out objects to expand their vocabulary lessons. In **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS** everyone wrote stories and then presented, videotaped and published them. In **SCIENCE** classes explored states of matter, discovering the differences between gases, liquids and solids at a microscopic level. In **PE** students practiced teamwork through relay races and other team events. In **SPANISH DRAMA** students chose an animal and imagined and then dramatized themselves as the animal, expressing themselves in Spanish. In **SPANISH MUSIC** students learned the basics of rhythm and note reading. In **MANDARIN ART** students started studying art history and different drawing techniques.

Friday Reminder: Please allow a little extra time at pickup to help us clean up and restore the classrooms for the church, for Sunday school.