



CALENDAR:

October 8 th	Elementary Grading: EARLY DISMISSAL -- Only PM & Full Day attend 8:30 – 11:30 (NO AM SESSION)
October 14 th	Reading University store
October 15 th	End of Term 1 -- report cards go home
October 18 th -22	Fall Break
October 25 th	Beginning of Term 2
October 26 th	Professional Development EARLY DISMISSAL -- Only AM & Full Day attend 8:30 – 11:30 (NO PM SESSION)
October 28 th	Picture Day
October 29 th	Ms. Buell's classes: "Show What You Know" Program AM Class: 8:30 am sharp PM Class: 12:00 sharp
October 29 th	Ms. Saguilan's class: "Show What You Know" Program Full Day Class: 8:30 am sharp
November 19 th	Parent Teacher Conference

OCTOBER BUILDER'S THEME:

Our Builder's Theme for October is "I AM A BUILDER WHEN I AM PERFECTLY HONEST". We are looking forward to witnessing ways our kindergarteners can demonstrate honesty, doing what is right, being fair, truthful, etc. Thank you for encouraging your students at home to share ways they can display this critical choice.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS:

With Halloween approaching, we wanted to remind our parents of our holiday celebration procedures. We typically do not celebrate holidays, although we do acknowledge some of them (see below). We do not have class holiday parties, but instead we have fun culminating activities that go along with our units of study in history and science. Students often dress up, have food, and play games at these activities.

Birthday Celebrations—Teachers will most likely mention a student's birthday during the school day of their birthday and have a special way of acknowledging that student. Parents may bring non-food items for class members. This is not something that needs to be done, but if parents choose to that is acceptable.

Invitations to parties outside of school

Birthday parties and other parties held during the year are an exciting event for the child hosting the party and those who are invited. It can be a very disappointing time for a child who has not been invited to the same party. Out of respect and consideration for the feelings of all students, please do not distribute invitations to birthday parties or any other personal parties at school—before, during, or after—unless an entire class is invited. If only a portion of the students in a class is invited, please use other ways—outside of school—to contact those students and parents. We appreciate your consideration of others and appreciate the modeling of respectful behavior.

Halloween—It is important to remember that we don't celebrate or acknowledge Halloween.

Thanksgiving Day—We talk about being grateful (in word and deed) the whole month of November.

Religious Holidays (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Easter)—We will talk about these holidays as part of the curriculum and to help students understand what others in our school are doing and experiencing. We may sing songs from any of these or other similar holidays in our choir classes as part of the curriculum.

PICTURE DAY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Say Cheese! Picture day is coming up soon. Packets and information will be sent out in your student's docket shortly.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW PROGRAM:

WOW! Our students performed amazingly for their parents at their first Show What You Know program this week!! If you were unable to attend, do not worry. We make sure to give our parents the opportunity to see a new Show What You Know program every month! We welcome any and all family members to attend. Our next program will be as follows:

Ms. Buell's AM class:	Friday Oct 29 th 8:30 am	Ms. Buell's PM class:	Friday Oct 29 th 12:00 pm
Ms. Saguilan's Full Day class:	Friday, Oct 29 th 8:30 am		



READING UNIVERSITY (RU)

It is pure joy to see our kindergarteners so excited about reading. They love picking out library books to take home and read with you. We will be hosting our first Reading University (RU) store shortly which is always a fun activity for our students. In order for this to be successful, we ask that our parents complete their student's RU log which is found in your students docket in the "Reading University" folder. After filling this form out, place it back in the docket. The RU log was due on October 4th.

Students who read at least 8 books per term, will receive a "Green Ticket" and for student's that read at least 16 books will receive a "Gold Ticket". On Friday, October 14th our classes will have the opportunity to go to the "RU store" at the Early Learning Center where each student can pick out a prize according to their colored ticket. We look forward to rewarding our students for all their great reading efforts.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Sign-ups for parent teacher conferences will be available shortly through Sign up Genius. Look for detailed information from your teacher notifying you of this opportunity.

KINDERGARTEN CORNER:

Student: Can you put this in the micro and wave it?" (student using the microwave for popcorn)

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