



## Upcoming Events

Oct 8th	Parent Empowerment Night (Suicide Prevention) @7:00PM
Oct 10th	Picture Day
Oct 10th	Reading University Store
Oct 11th	Term 1 Ends
Oct 14th-18th	Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)
Oct 22nd	Staff Professional Development (Early Dismissal 12:15)
Oct 25th	Show What You Know Program at 8:15 am
Nov 1st	Spirit Wear Friday
Nov 7th	Veteran's Day Assembly (1st-6th grades at Draper 1 campus)
Nov 7th	Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 8th	Parent Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
Nov 15th	Spirit Wear Friday
Nov 26th	Pilgrim Play/Show What You Know Program
Nov 27th-29th	Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

### **OCTOBER'S BUILDER THEME**

Our Builder's Theme for the month of October is, "I AM BUILDER WHEN I DEMONSTRATE INTEGRITY." We will be learning the meaning of the word integrity and why it is important. We are looking forward to witnessing ways our kindergarteners can demonstrate honesty, doing what is right, being fair, and being truthful.

### **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 do 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) for the whole month of November.

**Religious Holidays** (Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Easter)- We will talk about these holidays as part of the curriculum and help students understand what others in 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- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**

Say Cheese! Picture day is coming up soon. A flier with packages, cost, and Webcode (APADraperELCFall24) info will come home with your child's learning plan this week. Make up day will be Wednesday, December 4th.

### **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 next week which is always a fun activity for our students. Students who read at least 8 books per term, will receive a "Green Ticket" and for students that read at least 16 books will receive a "Gold Ticket". On Thursday, October 10th, 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.

### **VIRTUAL PARENT EMPOWERMENT NIGHT**

What if you knew how to prevent death for your child? What would that be worth to you? Suicide is the #1 killer for our kids 10-24. Adults are also plagued by suicide with middle-aged men having the highest rate. However, there is something we can do and it's proven effective. Join us on Tuesday, October 8th at 7 pm for a Virtual Parent Empowerment Workshop on Suicide Prevention. We will learn to recognize the signs of suicide, learn how to ask someone about suicide, and how to help get them to help. We will also look at ways to improve mental health and prevent suicide ideation and attempts. Everyone really can make a difference! Feel free to invite family and friends over and participate together. Your students will receive an incentive from your school for attendance. Join Zoom Meeting <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/86422035411>

### **READING AND MATH LESSONS AVAILABLE ON APA'S WEBSITE**

When students are absent, they are strongly encouraged to use the online APA reading and math lesson videos to help them stay caught up in their work. Parents can go to the APA website, [www.americanprep.org](http://www.americanprep.org) and then click on the Parent Resources link. Once there, parents can scroll down to the Reading and Math Lessons link. The parent can select their child's reading and math level as well as the lesson they are on and have access to a video of the full lesson instruction. Though it is best for students to be in the class every school day, when they must be absent, completing these lessons while they are absent helps greatly with a successful return to school.

### **UTAH SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD**

The 2024 School Report Cards are available on [americanprep.org](http://americanprep.org) under Parent Resources, Plans and Reports, "Utah School Accountability Report Card" Or you may find our campus Report Card by going directly to this link:

<https://reportcard.schools.utah.gov/School/OverallPerformance?SchoolID=110573&DistrictID=110573&SchoolNbr=100&SchoolLevel=K8&IsSplitSchool=0&schoolyearendyear=2024>

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Sign-ups for parent teacher conferences will be available shortly through Sign Up Genius. Look for detailed information from your child's teacher notifying you of this opportunity to sign up for a meeting.

### **UNIFORM SHORTS- REMINDER**

Students are no longer allowed to wear khaki shorts after Fall Break. They will have the choice of wearing shorts again after Spring Break.

### **JEANS DAY INCENTIVE**

If your child has no missing assignments by Friday, October 4th, they will be able to wear jeans with the rest of their uniform on Friday, October 11th, which is the last day of the term. Your child will know they have earned this incentive when they get to wear a sticker home that says they earned a jeans day incentive.

### **KINDERGARTEN CORNER: (Sayings from our very own Kindergarten students)**

**Student A: Eat your lunch. Your brain needs it.**

**Student B: My mouth tummy needs it, not my brain!**

Warm Regards,  
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