

TORREY PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE- TK/K

September-October 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear TPES Families,

Our 2017-2018 school year has started out with great success! You will be receiving three updates from our specialty teachers about all the wonderful instruction that is occurring each week. Please take the time to read through each specialty and discuss with your child what they are learning. We have amazing specialties that are unique to Torrey Pines and are a large part of your child's education. Another way to help your child's educational experience is staying informed. I realize that we send parents a lot of information about what is happening at school. Please take the time to read, discuss and participate as much as you can. Your child's elementary school experience goes by quickly; make sure you are involved with your child along the way!!

With warm regards,
Principal Ott

UPDATE FROM TK/ K ROTATION AND SPECIALTY TEACHERS

Elementary School Counseling Focus with Mrs. Riney

Kindergarteners worked on recognizing the difference between a big and a small problem. They came to learn that big problems are scary and dangerous. They or someone else could be hurt. A small problem is frustrating and it can make you feel mad or sad. Kindergarteners are capable of trying to fix a small problem on their own. They learned five out of the nine strategies they could choose to use to help them solve a small problem.

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FOUNDATION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS:



with Mrs. Keating

We have "Fallen" into science and are activating our scientific thinking by:

- Thinking like a scientist and using physical properties to classify objects in our world
- Experimenting with all our five senses to learn more about the world

- Learning about Cycles and Change in nature, including the seasons, weather, and plants
- Observing the differences between Deciduous and Conifer trees
- Labeling the parts of a plant, and exploring its life cycle

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with Coach Sergio

All students will be learning the fundamentals of the sports and games we play at TPES including the rules and how to play safe and fair while having fun. We kicked off the year with soccer and are now transitioning to basketball. In both sports we focus on ball control including dribbling, passing, and shooting while playing different fun games!

Please dress appropriate for sports and games on PE days.

Any questions please feel free to ask, Sergio To contact Coach Sergio email him: sergioatthey@yahoo.com



with Ms. Slavik

Kinders have accomplished so much in just this first 8 weeks. Your student explored music by:

- Singing age appropriate songs. Ask them about *The Seasons*, *Yankee Doodle* (we learned about King George & George Washington), *Be Nice Today*, *Oliver Twist*, and *I'm a Bat*
- Playing simple 4 beat rhythm games with quarter, half, whole notes, and quarter rests
- Listening and recognizing Bach (Tocatta and Fugue in) *d minor*, Vivaldi *Spring*, and Beethoven *5th Symphony*, Mendelssohn *Wedding*, and Williams *Harry Potter*

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with Ms. Syeda

TPES artists have been making awesome art like crazy since we started in September! We have been studying art making techniques and concepts as well as master artists.

Our online art gallery is now up and running! Most of you have received permission slips and instructions on how to view your students' art online. I will be sending another round of permission slips in the next few weeks, in case anyone has lost the slips or did not get one for their child yet. This is also a fundraiser. Through the website, you can purchase items with your child's art on it, and 20 % comes back to the school. Check it out, the items would make great holiday gifts for family members!

TK/K students have been doing a lot of painting! We are using many things to paint-paintbrushes, cup rims, and sponges. Our latest paintings feature trees. We used paintbrushes to create the sky background and tree trunk, and we used sponges to create the leaves and ground.

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