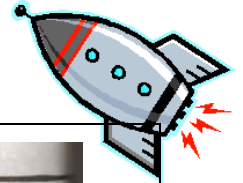


Kindergarten News for October 2009

Norton Space & Aeronautics Academy



Newsletter

Dear Family,

For the next few weeks, our classroom reading theme will be *Rodeados de color* (Colors All Around). Children will listen to stories about colors. They will work on recognizing and writing the letters *m*, *s*, and *p* and identifying the sounds they represent.



Theme-related Activities to Do Together

The letter *Mm*

Print a capital and lower case *m*. Have your child name the letters. Say: *María come maíz*. The words *María* and *maíz* begin with the sound the letter *m* stands for." Help your child name other words that begin with *m*.

The letter *Pp*

Print a capital and lower case *p*, and ask your child to identify them. Say, "I'm going to say two words that begin with the sound the letter *p* stands for: *pimiento picante*." Help your child name other words that begin with *p*.

The letter *Ss*

Shape the letter *s* with a piece of string and have your child identify it. Then print capital and lower case *s* and ask your child to identify them. Name a word that begins with *s*, and help your child name other words that begin with *s*.

Theme-related Books to Enjoy Together!

Oso pardo, oso pardo, ¿qué ves ahí? (Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?) by Bill Martin, Jr. A series of animals tell what they see in this patterned book about color.

Pinta ratones (Mouse Paint) by Ellen Stoll Walsh. Three white mice experiment with jars of red, blue, and yellow paint.

Los colores de Carmen (Carmen's Colors) by Mari Díaz Strom. A girl and her mother buy an array of colorful items at an outdoor market.

El rojo es el mejor (Red Is Best) by Kathy Stinson. A girl explains why her favorite things are red, from the clothes she wears to the paint she uses.

Como nació el arco iris (How the Rainbow Came to Be) by Alma Flor Ada. Red, Yellow, and Blue paint the earth beautiful colors and then create the rainbow.

Clifford, el gran perro Colorado (Clifford the Big Red Dog) by Norman Bridwell. A girl tells all about her pet, a red dog that's as big as a house.



Math Corner:

This month we will continue concentrating on learning numbers 1 through 10 in Spanish and we will work on sorting object by various attributes. You can help your child at home by reviewing these skills daily.

PARENT NEWS: Boletín

Our Social Studies unit for this month is "Community Workers." We need your help!! Please speak with your Kindergarten teacher to schedule a brief classroom visit to describe your job. This would be a wonderful opportunity for our students to "see" community workers!