



WILMA RUDOLPH LEARNING CENTER NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NOVEMBER 2017

Greeting Parents,

Can you believe that we are already in the 2nd quarter? Just a reminder that Rudolph will be hosting Report Card Pick-up on Wednesday, November 15th from 12:00pm-6:00pm. This is a great time to come and talk to your teachers and classroom assistants regarding the progress of your students. Our Resource Fair on the same day from 1-4pm where we will have a lot of great organizations, including Walgreens who will be offering flu shots. The flyer was sent home last week, but information can be found on our website as well.

October was so much fun as some classes took a field trip to Bengtson's Pumpkin Patch and other classes had an in-school field trip where the rescue zoo came to us! Students got to see and touch a turtle, snake and even a hedgehog. We can't wait to schedule another visit from the zoo. We also celebrated with our annual Halloween activities. It was a bit chilly and rainy that day so we celebrated with an indoor costume parade, movies and snacks, followed by afternoon trick-or-

treating. Thank you to all the families who donated candy and prizes to ensure our day was a success, and to our parents who volunteered!

This month we will take time to remember what we are thankful for as we celebrate Thanksgiving. I am thankful to serve as Principal and have a positive impact on our students' lives. I am thankful to serve as Principal and lead our awesome Rudolph team. Also, I am thankful to have such supportive parents who trust us with your most precious gifts each and every day.

This month we also welcome some new LSC members. Welcome to Charlene Clay who joined us as a teacher representative and our new parents, Mr. Alfonso Seiva and Ms. Kenisha Wilburn, both parents of PreSchool students. We are excited to have them aboard.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we have an opening for a Parent Worker. We are looking for a parent who is available 2 days a week for about 3 hours to assist our students

with reading. If you are interested in applying, please send me an email with a copy of your resume. You will also need to apply online, <https://cps.edu/careers/pages/careers.aspx> and search for "Part Time Seasonal Position 14000RH". All new hires must follow CPS protocol including fingerprinting and a background check.

I hope that you have a wonderful November, as each and every one of us has much to be thankful for.

Yours in Education,

Principal Dacres





Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had one busy, fun October! It was great to see so many parents supporting students during our Halloween celebration. I know the students had a blast with their indoor parade and trick or treating. Congrats to Londyn Peters-Gill and Lorenzo Martinez on being voted 'best costume'! We also hosted Tuesday's Child during our October parent meeting, along with a representative from Spectrum Toy Store. Parents were able to talk with the

representatives, as well as each other, regarding their needs and exchange some advice. November promises to be another fun filled month with our parent resource fair and student Thanksgiving Feast.

Our October CORE words "GO" and "STOP" were used throughout classrooms in a variety of ways, including with switches, while playing games, during lessons, etc. "SEE" was used on a daily basis to not only indicate what we see, but to also describe what we use our eyes for. The November CORE words of "HELP" and "FEEL" are going to assist our students in requesting assistance and learning about the sense of touch. Attached you will find ways in which to incorporate these words into your daily activities.

Thank you to those parents who have already turned in the Thanksgiving Celebration Form with offers to provide some additional items for our feast. This time of year really makes me reflect on things I am thankful and grateful for. At the forefront of my mind this school year is how grateful I am to be a part of the Rudolph Family, which includes all of our parents. You and your children are the reasons why I continue to work in public education, and for that I wholeheartedly thank you for allowing me to serve you. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Yours in Education,

Assistant Principal Galati



Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Corner

Hello families, my name is Kristy Colyer and I've been a SECA at Rudolph for 7 years. Two years ago, I made the decision to further my education and I am now just months away from earning a Master's degree in School Counseling. I am currently completing my internship at Rudolph alongside our school counselor Liza Reed. In the counseling field, we focus on social emotional learning (SEL), which is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. As part of my tasks you can now look forward to social emotional learning awareness in our monthly newsletters.



NOVEMBER CORE VOCABULARY

HELP

Activity / Routines	Ways to model - Like and Dislikes
Breakfast/ Lunch	Have children 'help' set-up,- "Who wants to help me" "thank you for getting napkins" "Help clean-up your plate" "Help pass the food"
Morning Routines	Ask student to 'help' with counting/clapping out the days of the week/ days of the month. If one student is struggling to respond to a questions, ask, "who can help out" and offer praise "thank you for helping"
Community Helpers	Discuss different ways professionals HELP us, Write a list of jobs/occupations that people have to HELP others (e.g. doctor, fireman). Have a class vote on: who is the most helpful, what job they'd like to do when they grow up, etc. Predictable chart writing, using sentences such as: "I help to __", "__ helps me when I'm __", "She helps to __", etc.
Music	Use a switch or use karaoke video version of the Beatles songs "Help!" or "With a Little Help From My Friends" touch the symbol HELP every time the word HELP is sung

FEEL

Activity	Ways to model
Discuss Feelings	Discuss how your students are feeling: "I feel happy", "I feel tired". Ask "How do you feel?". Use the other feeling words on the core board (happy, sad, good, bad, sick) to help your students make choices.
Feeding/ Cooking, Play or Art Time	How do the food or play items feel? "This feels cold/hard". "The glue feels sticky".
Five Senses	Incorporate feel when talking about touch during your 5 senses lessons this month. Feels good/bad, feel this, feel + descriptive word.
Morning Meeting	Talk about the weather in terms of feeling. "It feels cold today", "It feels wet", etc.



