



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Parents-

We are so excited to be sending out our second monthly newsletter edition. We have a lot to be thankful for this month. Assistant Principal Dentz and I are thankful that we have such amazing students, awesome parents and outstanding staff.

October ended with so much fun! We celebrated our school spirit and enjoyed Halloween celebrations and adventures. We even offered a ceramics painting class for our parents. This month, we look forward to many new exciting events taking place at Rudolph.

Quarter 1 ended November 3rd. Our awesome staff participated in an off site professional development designed around classroom goal setting aligned to our new Vision and Mission. We also enjoyed a professional reading to help us think about how we can be the "Greatest School in the Universe". Don't forget that Report Card Pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th. Conferences will take place between the hours of 1:00pm-6:00pm. We will also be holding the Resource Fair between 1:00pm-5:00pm that day which will include many great organizations to support our students. We hope to see you there!

Friday, November 11th is Veterans Day, and there is no school. We are also planning a

school field trip to the Circus at the United Center on November 17th and 18th. Finally, as we head out for Thanksgiving Break, our students will participate in our own Thanksgiving Celebration at Rudolph. We will be sending out more information about the Celebration in the next week.

As we continue to live and implement our Vision and Mission, you will continue to receive information regarding communication. This month the core vocabulary words are "Like" and "Make". You can use these words for a variety of communicative functions (i.e. request, greet, protest, describe, comment, ask/answer questions). Please see the [Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month](#) in the November Newsletter for more detailed information.

We are happy to report that as you continue to receive the monthly newsletters, you will not only be hearing from administration, but also highlights from classrooms and staff members. This month, we are putting the spotlight on our PreK program and Mr. Thomas Russell. Ms. Mary Beth Kelly, Mrs. Katie Freely and Mrs. Mary Smith are a fabulous PreK Team. All combined, these staff members bring over 80 years of experience in the educational field.

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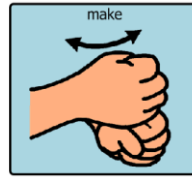
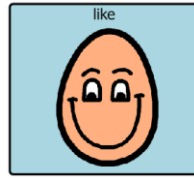
Once again, Ms. Dentz and I are honored to be able to serve together at Rudolph to continue to take Rudolph to new levels. Please remember that we are here to support you. If you have any questions, also feel free to reach out to us hadacre@cps.edu or sedentz@cps.edu.

Rudolph Core Vocabulary of the Month- November

For the month of November, we are targeting the core vocabulary words **LIKE** and **MAKE**. We will be using these words for a variety of communicative functions (i.e. request, greet, protest, describe, comment, ask/answer questions). Throughout the month at school, we will use these words during all activities including literacy, mathematics, transition, and gross motor.

You can model these words at home using Aided Language Stimulation (touch and talk). All you need to do is to touch the picture symbol when you say the corresponding word (see attached). For example, touch the word "like" when you say "I like the book" or "Is it like that?" These words will be great with all of the cooking and food related to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Here are some examples of opportunities to use (model and reinforce) these core vocabulary words of the month at home.



LIKE

You can incorporate the word "like" when talking about emotions, meal time, shopping activities, story time, play, etc.

Activities	Ways- Talk about likes and dislikes
Meal Time and Shopping	You can say, "I like it, I don't like it, I like more, I like that one" Introduce favorite items and non-preferred items to increase opportunities
Story Time	Introduce books that describe/use the word "like". Afterwards discuss the book and your child's likes/dislikes. Some examples of books are, "I Like Books" by Anthony Browne or "What do you like?" by Michael Grejniec. You could also incorporate "like" by talking about vocabulary in the book. For example, if an illustration shows a character eating cake, you could say, "I like cake". Or, if a character is upset, "he doesn't like that".
Play	During play, you can say, "I would like to pick up that toy, He likes the blue one, I would like to go there". If your child is smiling as he/she plays, you can say, "It looks like you like that!"

MAKE

Make can be used when expressing needs, making comments, asking questions, providing directions, etc.

Activities	Ways
Cooking	Make is great to be used when you are cooking especially a large dinner like Thanksgiving. You can ask "what are we making, what can we make, who is making it, where are we making it?" You can also say "make it now, make more, don't make that, make that."
Transitions	Another opportunity is during transitions or when you are going somewhere. Upon arrival, you can say, "We made it" or during the trip, "We made a right."
Play	Another idea is to use the word "make" during play and art. You can say, "make it go, make it come, make it play, you make it, you made it look good, you made a turkey, etc."

PRINCIPAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE

As your Principal, I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to provide students with experiences to not only make them as independent as possible but to be able to learn new and exciting things. Each day there is something new that I learn from both students and teachers, that not only help me be a better leader, but a better person.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE

As your Assistant Principal, I am thankful to be part of the Rudolph team. I am eager to work with the team to ensure we are providing the best evidence based practices and supports for all of the students. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to collaborate and engage in meaningful conversations with Rudolph staff, students, parents and community members.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM YOUR PRE-K TEAM

The early childhood programs are very busy! We focus on transitioning to school, exposure to curriculum and multi-sensory experiences with an emphasis on total language and communication.

Last month, we learned about apples, leaves, and trees. We also participated in lots of fun Halloween activities!

For November the Pre-K rooms are busy exploring and learning all about the Earth, America and discovering how we all celebrate Thanksgiving. We will look, touch, smell, hear and taste everything related to Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday

TEACHER/SECA SPOTLIGHT

Thomas Russell:

Just as Wilma Rudolph overcame obstacles, every day I see students overcome obstacles of their own. Which makes the things blocking my path seem small. I see the determination in their eyes which in turn drives me to be a better person.

