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COUGAR CUBS PRESCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter



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SEPTEMBER LEARNING

Learning this month has been centered around the themes of "All About Me," community helpers, fire safety, and apples . Students experienced many opportunities to learn about these topics in hands-on learning opportunities and through the art process. Students have been learning about print concepts and features (how to care for books, left to right and top to bottom, author, etc.) and are beginning to be introduced to letters, letter sounds, numerical concepts, and more through our curriculum. In their play, students have been learning how to work together cooperatively, take turns, and make independent choices about their work. Enjoy our newsletter with pictures featuring a month full of learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Break (No School): October 4th-October 15th

Cougar Cubs East Picture Retake Day: October 27th

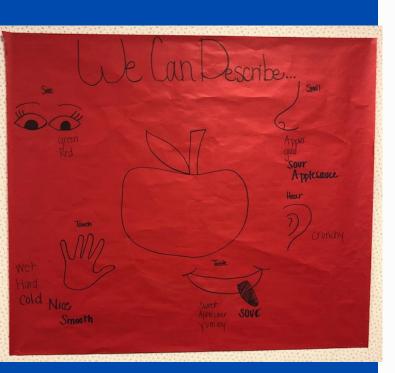
Cougar Cubs West Picture Day: October 29th

Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 1st-12th (Teachers will

reach out to you regarding scheduling)

Scheduled eLearning Days: November 12th and February 14th (see

below for more information)



Exploring Apples

Standard: Science 1.2 -- Demonstrate awareness of the physical properties of objects

SCHEDULED E-LEARNING DAYS

Greenfield-Central has two scheduled elearning days this school year: November 12th and February 14th. We recognize the need for our families to have childcare. Therefore, while K-12 students will be offsite these two days, preschool will be open for onsite learning. If your child utilizes special transportation, transportation will not be available on these two dates. Families will also need to send in lunch for their child as our cafeteria will not be open to serve lunch. Our preschool teachers will be attending professional development for a portion of the day as well, and our classrooms will be staffed by our assistants during that time. If you do not plan on sending your child to school on scheduled e-learning days, please let us know.

MASK MANDATE

Effective Monday, September 27th, all staff and students, grades preschool-12th grade, are required to wear masks. Students will be allowed to remove masks while eating, actively playing outdoors, and napping. Our staff members are using many methods to encourage mask-wearing, including: modeling, positive encouragement, rewards, and social stories. *Please be sure to send your child to school wearing their mask each day.* If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Alisha Savage at asavage@gcsc.k12.in.us



Watercolors

Standard: CA 3.1: Demonstrate creative expression through the visual art process

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

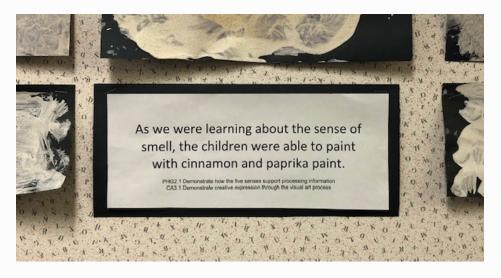
If your child is going to be absent or arrive late for any reason, please let your child's teacher know by 8:30 AM. If we do not hear from you by 8:30 AM, a school nurse will give you a call to verify if the absence is due to an illness or other COVID-related reason.

WEATHER

We will continue to take students outside for recess until the temperature is below 32 degrees. Please be sure to send your child dressed appropriately for outdoor play.





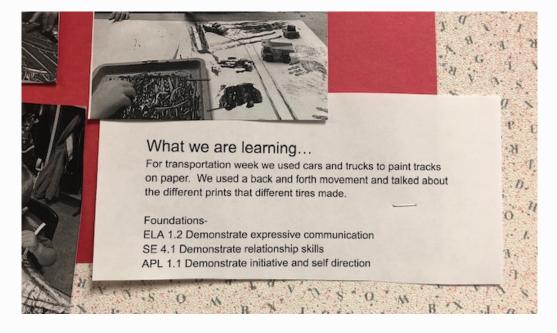


















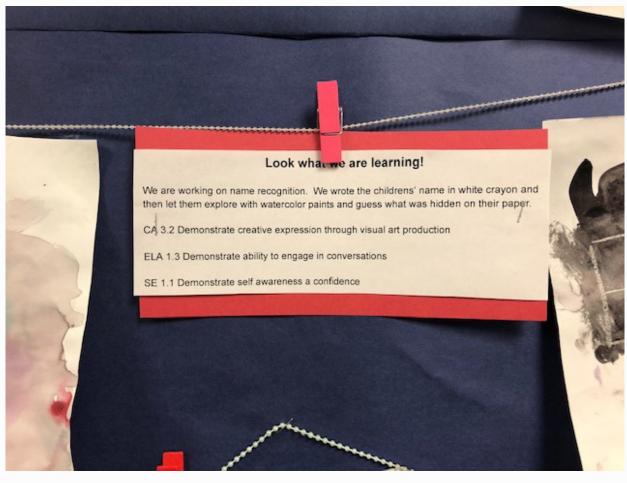


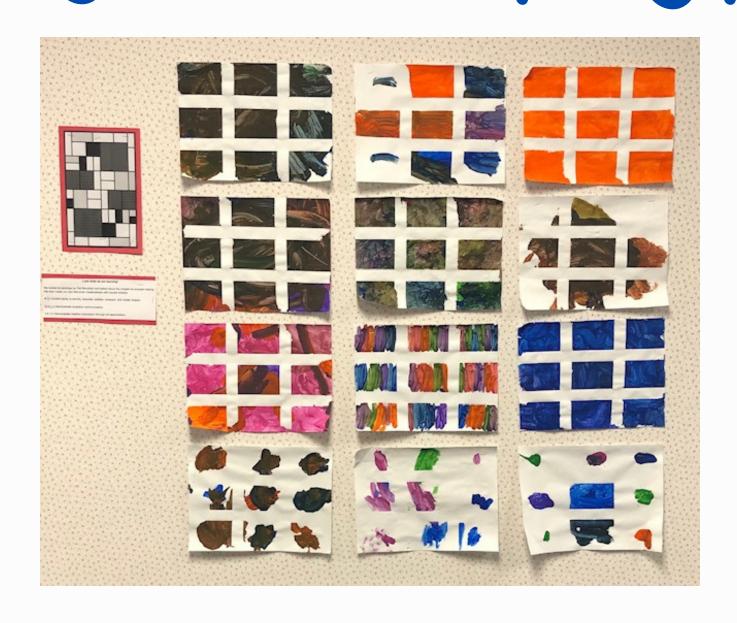


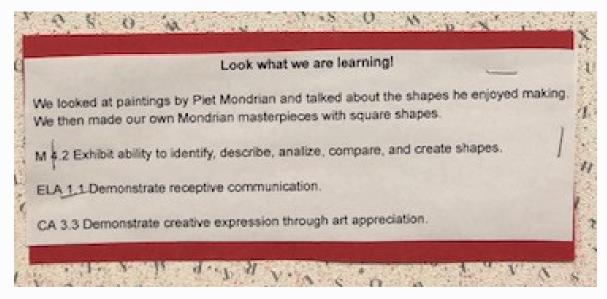






























I DREAMED I STOOD A STUDIO,

I DREAMED I STOOD WA STUDIO,
AND WATCHED TWO SCULPTORS THERE.
THE CLAY THEY USED WAS A YOUNG CHILD'S
MIND,

AND THEY FASHIONED IT WITH CARE.

ONE WAS A TEACHER, THE TOOLS THEY USED WERE BOOKS, MUSIC, AND ART.

ONE A PARENT WITH A GUIDING HAND AND A GENTLE LOVING HEART.

DAY AFTER DAY, THE TEACHER TOILED, WITH A TOUCH THAT WAS DEFT AND SURE. WHILE THE PARENT LABORED BY HIS SIDE, AND POLISHED AND SMOOTHED IT O'ER.

AND WHEN AT LAST, THEIR WORK WAS DONE,
THEY WERE PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAD WROUGHT.
FOR THE THINGS THEY HAD MOLDED INTO THE
CHILD,

COULD NEITHER BE SOLD NOR BOUGHT.

AND EACH AGREED THEY WOULD HAVE FAILED IF EACH HAD WORKED ALONE, FOR BEHIND THE PARENT STOOD THE SCHOOL AND BEHIND THE TEACHER, THE HOME.

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