



Sombra del Monte Elementary School

Celebrating Learning in the Shadow of the Sandias

Take Your Parent to School...

Thursday, September 11th will be Take your parent to school day for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade students and September 16th for 3rd-5th Grade students. The event will be from 9:30-10:30 with parents observing classroom daily literacy routines. Please join us!

**SALLY FOSTER

FUNDRAISER DUE ON 9/11**

Peer Mediation Corner:

The Peer Mediation program at Sombra del Monte is up and rolling for the second year in a row! We are happy to say that we have 50 peer mediators this year, all 4th and 5th graders. At the end of last year, we trained this new group of mediators, along with some veterans, and they are out at each recess time every day helping students solve their problems. We would like to thank some parents who have spent their time and money to support this great program. Thanks to Jackie Varney and Skye Holly for making and donating the ID badges for the peer mediators! Thanks to Jessie Gibson for donating the T-shirts for the peer mediators! Thanks to the PFO for continuing to support us financially for vests, printing, food for meetings, and much more! Program Coordinators: Susan Rogers, Jamie Quirk, and Skye Holly

Parent Link...

Parent Link is a new phone system that has been implemented by APS to keep parents better informed. It will be making calls regarding attendance, important upcoming events, etc. When you receive calls regarding attendance it will indicate that your child has missed period 1 and 2 during the school day, this represents morning and afternoon classes. Please be certain that the office has current phone numbers on file. It is important to keep us informed of changes

for both communication and your child's safety should they be hurt or become ill at school.

Theatre Classes...

Registration is now open for Saturday morning theatre classes given by the UNM Department of Theatre and Dance. Classes are available for children who are between the ages of 4-15 years old. The fall program runs from 9/6-11/8 Saturday mornings from 9-30-2:00 at the UNM Center for the Arts. Contact 507-2436 for more information.

Reaching out to those in need...

Mrs. Wenger's class will be collecting small to medium plastic containers with lids for Project Share. This is an organization that feeds needy people in Albuquerque. The containers can be new (Glad storage containers) or clean, used containers such as sour cream, butter, deli containers. Please drop them off in the Project Share box either by room 103 or by the nurse's office.

Mrs. Wenger's class is also supporting two members of the armed services. We are collecting items to send to them and their buddies. Items such as beef jerky, nuts, 505 salsa packets (green & red), powdered drinks such as Crystal Light or snacks that do not melt or contain pork. Please drop items off at room 103. Don't forget to check in to the office before proceeding to a classroom, cafeteria, etc.

Request from the Nurse...

The Health Room is in need of clothing, especially girls 6-6x and boys 7-8. Students occasionally need to have a change during the school day and we are lacking in these areas. If your child has come home with clothing from the Health Office please launder them and return them as soon as possible. Thank you!!

CALENDAR...

8/28-9/11	PFO Sally Foster Fundraiser Begins	9/12
9/11	PFO MEETING Information regarding AYP in the library 3:15	9/16
9/1	Labor Day -No School	10/10
9/5	Picture Day	10/17
9/11	*Take Your Parent to School K-2 nd Grades 9:30-10:30 *PFO Meeting 3:15 library	

Information on AYP

(annual yearly progress)
 Professional Development
 No School
 Take Your Parent to School
 3rd -5th Grades 9:30-10:30
 Fall Break – No School
 Professional Development
 No School for Students

How Can I Help My Child Become Mathematically Powerful?

	Kinder through First	Second Grade through Third Grade	Fourth Grade through Fifth Grade
Money	Use money to help your child: Recognize coins Know the value of coins Count coins	Help your child: Make change Find coins that make 25 cents Save her/his own allowance by opening a passbook savings account	Help your child: Participate in making family budgets Participate in grocery shopping Begin to manage her/his allowance Decide how much allowance can buy
Counting/Numbers	Involve counting and numbers in everyday activities: Count parts of the body Count things around the house Identify numbers on the elevator Identify numbers on street signs Setting the table helps build spatial sense and reinforces 1 to 1 correspondence (I need 4 plates for 4 people, for example)	Encourage you child to count by 2s, 5s, and 10s Count past 100 Look for patterns	Encourage your child to practice skip counting by 3s and 4s Count past 1000 (say, count from 650 by 100 "650, 750, 850, 950, 1050 ... for example)
Math Facts	Help your child start to memorize single digit addition and subtraction problems starting with the doubles: 1 + 1, 2 + 2, 3 + 3, etc. 5 - 5, 4 - 4, 3 - 3, etc.	By the end of 2 nd grade, your child should know addition and subtraction facts to 20 (1+19, 2+18, 10+10, etc.) Your child should also know addition pairs that equal 10 (1+9, 2+8, 3+7, & 5+5)	By the end of 4 th grade your child should know multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12
Time	These are some of the concepts that you can help your child learn at home: days of the week, months of the year, seasons, minutes in an hour, hours in a day how to read a standard clock (with an hour hand and minute hand) how to schedule time (if you need to do four things, how much time will you need?)		
Measurement	Involve your child in activities that encourage measurement like: cooking (fractions, volume, cups, teaspoons, etc., following step-by-step instructions) reading a thermometer (measuring body temperature and measuring temperatures outside)		

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SEPTEMBER 12TH
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS