



Isaacs Early Childhood School

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Arctic

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Mark Your Calendars:

- Nov 9th: No AM class
- Nov 10th: Parent Academy & Fundraiser Pickup
- Nov 12th: Pre-K Assessment results go home for 4 year olds
- Nov 15th: Picture retakes
- Nov 22th: Friendship Feasts
- Nov 23th-27th: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 14th: Nursery Rhyme Parties
- Dec. 16th: No PM class
- Dec 17th: Winter break begins
- Jan 3: Students return to school



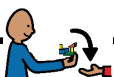
The weather is getting cooler, please send a jacket or coat with your child.

Canned Food Drive
Isaacs is collecting canned vegetables for the needy! Another great value to teach our children: helping others!



Friendship Feast
We will be having our Friendship Feast on Tuesday, November 22nd.

The students will be sharing a special snack and activity with their friends.



Frog Street PreK is the new curriculum that PISD has adopted for our early childhood schools. We will be integrating this curriculum into our lessons. You can see more at www.frogstreet.com



Math

We will be learning about learning about **weight and capacity**. Your child can explore capacity at home in the bathtub, pouring water into different size containers. You can fill containers of the same size at home with different materials (water, blocks, feathers, etc.) and see which one is heavier and which one is lighter.



We will be learning about **ordinal numbers** (1st, 2nd, 3rd, last) as well. This is using numbers to describe position. When your child is playing at home, line up four objects behind each other and talk to your child about which one is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last. At school we talk about who is in line 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

If your child is **measuring** objects at home, it is probably because we have been learning about size and different ways to measure how big or small something is. You can measure how long your child is at home using fun objects such as blocks or cars. Have them lay down and line up the objects next to them from head to toe. Next, have them get up and count the objects. Then, you can lay down while they line up the objects from your head to your toes.

We have been making **patterns**! Start with an ABAB pattern (red/blue/red/blue or car/truck/car/truck) and then try an ABC pattern with your child. You can do this at home with toys or even at snack time with small finger foods!



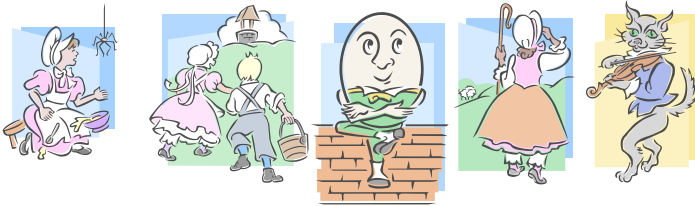
Have fun exploring math concepts with objects you already have at home!

Language and Literacy

In our Frog Street curriculum we are learning about giants made by people (bridges, elevators, big buildings) and nature's giants (mountains, waterfalls, oceans).

We will talk about friends before our Friendship Feast and the wonderful things friends can do for each other.

In December, we will learn about words that rhyme, and as a part of that, we will discuss nursery rhymes for a few weeks. We will learn many rhymes and identify and produce words that rhyme. This unit ends with our wonderful Isaacs's Nursery Rhyme Party to which parents are invited to come.



We love to sing and dance! Here are some of our favorite songs!

By Jim Gill

Oh Hey, Oh Hi, Hello

Stick to the Glue

Hands are for Clapping

By Dr. Jean

My Mother is a Baker

Five Little Monkeys



Handwriting

Each week we work on writing letters using our "Quick Talk" strategies that you received at parent conferences.



We practice "drawing" the letter in the air, saying the quick talk words at the same time. We draw it big using gross motor movements on large paper. We "walk" the letter with our legs and then draw it on paper.

Try using the "Quick Talk" letters at home with your child to practice their name. If you need another copy, please ask your child's teacher.

We have been busy learning about Community Helpers. Plano Firefighters and Home Depot Carpenters visited Isaacs to demonstrate their jobs. The students enjoyed seeing a fire engine up close. They also learned about Stop, Drop, and Roll. The carpenters constructed a toy box for the students. In December the Plano Police Department will be performing a puppet show for all of our students on making safe choices.

Arctic Wish List

*Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart and gallon size)

*Baby wipes

*Magazines to cut up

*Small and big paper plates

*Dry beans in different colors and sizes

*Dry rice

Thank you for your donations!

