



RAICES DEL SABER XINACHTLI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter
August 2021

We are so excited to see all those little faces rushing in through the gates! We have been working hard to get ready for you! Over the summer break, the teachers embarked on a weeklong Xinachtli training led by our very own maestro Carlos. Last week, we all became CPR certified, and we learned new information systems that will make the school day go smoother.

Please make sure your child attends daily and arrives on time. Remember that an excused absence is still an absence. If you have doctor's notices, please send them in with your child/children and remember to call the front office to let us know if you have unforeseen circumstances.

In the monthly newsletter, we will share a brief synopsis of what the children will learn for the month. Please check the newsletter tab often to know what the children are learning and to know what is going on for the upcoming month.

Bienvenidos and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Paz y salud,
Tlazocamati
Julia

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Kinder

Mr. Carlos Aceves's Classroom news – caceves@raicesdelsaber.org

Language Arts: Students will begin exploration of sounds associated with letters and letter identification. They will practice forming their names with clay and begin applying letter-sound exercises. They will listen to readings and oral telling of stories and practice identifying characters, sequence, setting, and moral lessons.

Math: Students will begin exploring quantities determining how many in a group and how to divide these into groups. They will begin identifying base-10 and Mayan base-20 numerals, discussing their exploration with quantities.

Social Studies: Students will be introduced to the two calendar systems: Gregorian and Aztec, identifying days/dates, months, and years in both. They will learn the formatting of a

community circle to share ideas, feelings, stories, and academic games. They will learn the basic steps of mindfulness (moments of quiet contemplation) for two minutes a day.

Science: Students will explore our school gardens and discuss what they observe. They will learn about the nature of plants. They will talk about the importance of August 13 as a date celebrated in Mesoamerican as the birth of a civilization based on corn cultivation. If you have any questions, please contact me at caceves@raicesdelsaber.org

First grade team

Mrs. Laura Hoobler and Ms. Issis Inzunza

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Xinachtli

- Review and introduce cultural concepts

Literacy

- Introduction to classroom and school expectations.
- Review Heggerty phonemic awareness
- Review letter sound, syllable review, Alliteration activities.

Math

- counting 1-100, 1s,2s,5s,10s
- Reviewing Nahuatl numbers 1-20
- Review of 0-10 addition and subtraction
- Review basic shapes

Science

- All about corn (Tlaolli Teocintli)

Social Studies

- History about Corn

Second grade

2nd grade Ms. Ribail's Classroom News 😊 jribail@raicesdelsaber.org

What We Are Learning.

Language Arts: Resource (Heggerty) to practice Phonemic Awareness lessons and Letter Sound Identification.

Writing: Using correct sentence structure.

Math: Review adding and subtracting one-digit numbers. Counting by 2, 5, and 10's.
Mesoamerican Math (Mayan) orally and writing the 1-20 numbers.

Science: astronomy (meteor, meteorites, comets)

Social Studies: The role of corn in Mesoamerican social development.

Third grade

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Welcome back third grade students and family. Within this month we will be learning and going over a variety of information. In **language arts/social studies**, we will be reviewing strategies from second grade leading us to our third-grade strategy. We will begin with our weekly prompts to practice writing skills. Students will practice and look over the basic foundations of sentence structure and grammar. In **math** we will be working on some number talks. We will review mastery of addition and subtraction facts and begin working on Bridges first math unit with the integration of the Nahuatl, Spanish, and English language. We will review the numbers from 1-20 in Nahuatl. In **science** we will be working on hypothesizing and asking questions. We will journal what types of questions we have and slowly come back and see if through exploration we can answer them. In **Physical Education** students will be moving around and exercising their bodies. We will talk about the importance of healthy lifestyles and how to make sure we are keeping healthy. This is a brief overview of what we will be working on and is/can be subject to change. Once again welcome back and I can't wait to start our new journey through third grade. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at jcastro-buelna@raicesdelsaber.org. I look forward to meeting you and your lovely children.

Gracias,

Maestra Jessica

ARTE

Kayla Martinez – kmartinez@raicesdelsaber.org

Hola Colibris, Y familias de Raíces! Kayla Martinez here, I'm so excited to be "La Nueva Maestra de Arte" here at Raíces del Saber. This Month on the art agenda we will start off by going over what are acceptable behaviors for art class, how to treat supplies and materials so we can create art year around. :) We will start off doing a project reflecting how summers went, discussing the different seasons, and giving us a chance to get to know each other. We will explore what kind of art and media interests your students, and plan together Art projects that align with the Xinachtli curriculum. Nos vemos pronto!!!

