



RAICES DEL SABER XINACHTLI

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

October 2021

Welcome Fall!! I love this time of the year, as it signifies, we are now in full swing of the school year! The weather will begin to cool, the leaves will begin to fall and green chile is in the air.

To ensure we continue having a strong school year, we need to make sure we are in school and on time. Please make sure your child is here every day, breakfast begins at 7:30 and classes begin at 8:00. If your child arrives after 8:00am it is cutting into their instructional time and the other classmates as the teacher has to serve and clean your child's space. Friday is NOT a free day, it is a half day, and if your child is not here, you are missing critical instructional time. If you are having trouble arriving on time, please reach out to me and we can work on an attendance plan.

We are a pilot program with PMG (Premier Medical Group USA) and the Public Schools of New Mexico. We will begin Covid testing on campus for the children and staff every Friday, beginning on October 8th. This will keep us aware of any cases that may be happening with the children or staff and avoid another complete shutdown. Please lookout for a consent form that needs to be signed and returned as soon as you receive it. You **do NOT** have to consent to this testing, if you do not want to have your child tested simply write their name on the form and the word no and they will be excluded. The test will be administered via a nose swab and results will be received within 2-4 days.

Upcoming events:

October 8- first day of Covid testing

October 15 no class- Fall Break

October 22 no class- Parent Teacher Conference. Teacher will send a link to sign up for a virtual conference.

October 29- Costume Book Parade- come dressed as your favorite book character!! You must bring a book to share and tell us who you are.

Congratulations to our September TIAHUI winners!!

- Canyon Sabaque
- Ayden Felix
- Yovanni Rivera-Tapia
- Jovana Martínez
- Anza Cárdenas
- Delana Telles
- Sadie Beard
- Oliver Limón

- Emma Luna
- Ezekiel Cruz
- Ruth Sánchez
- Cora Aguilera
- Zabella Loyola
- Evelyn Chappell
- Daniella Garza
- Corbin Beard
- Gilberto Hernández
- Joshua Calvert
- Sebastián Carmona

Julia Rivera-Tapia, Head administrator

Kindergarten

Carlos Aceves

October begins with a celebration of an important astronomical event called the Autumn equihelion. Thirteen days of Fall begins, the Earth is the same distance to the sun as it will be thirteen days after Spring begins. Our class will construct an elliptical model of Earth’s orbit around the sun and use students to mark the beginning of Spring and Fall and two other students to mark the equihelions.

Our literacy goal for October is that our Kindergarten students will master the “initial sounds” of all letters and begin reading combinations with them of one or two other letters, i.e. “t” and “tu”; “a” and “ala”. I will be quite mindful of seeing students begin to write phonetic or invented spelling versions of words (pato as pto or hormiga as ormia). We will also see that TCW (The Children Will) gain a basic understanding of addition and subtraction so that they will begin applying these skills in simple word problems.

For science we will focus on the monarch butterfly migration which ends in central Mexico at the end of October. The monarch butterfly’s colors, orange and black are the reason why these colors are used across Mexico and the United States on October 31, November 1 and 2 to remember family members who are deceased.

Please click here to watch a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkHKd3pew80>

1st Grade

Xinachtli/ Science/ social studies

- cuatro es la gente/ cinco es el mundo/ seis es el cielo
- four are the people/ five is the world/ six is the sky

Literacy

- Review Heggerty phonemic awareness lesson
- Review letter sound, syllable review, Alliteration activities
- Focus poem

Math

- counting 1-100, 1s,2s,5s,10s
- Review of 0-20 addition and subtraction
- Computational fluency with 10 frame
- Computational fluency
- Counting on number line 1-30 backwards and forwards
- Data analysis.

2nd Grade

Juanita Ribail

What We Are Learning:

Language Arts: Resource (Heggerty) to practice Onset Fluency, Isolating Final Sounds, and Adding. Comparison and contrast of Halloween and Day of Death (discussion or charts.)

Writing: Using correct grammar for example the students are using capital letters and ending in a punctuation mark.

MATH: Review adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. Read and apply Math word problems/Graphs. Mesoamerican Math (Mayan) orally and writing the 1-20 numbers.

Science: the life cycles

Number Metaphors

Dates

4- Are the People

10/4/21

5- Is the World

10/11/21 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YQfjo-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YQfjo-JpXQ)

[JpXQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YQfjo-JpXQ) Planeta Tierra: un hogar único

6- Is the Sky

10/18/21 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZykXgSget6A>

el Sistema solar

7-Is the Moon

10/25/21 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzjibnNN19I> (La luna

para niños: ¿Qué es la luna?)

Social Studies: culture-death as a celebration not just a tragedy

3rd Grade

Jessica Castro-Buelna

Wow! We have had a crazy month, but we are back on track. Within the month of October, we will be working on more difficult topics. Please read **IMPORTANT Homework information**

- In **language arts/social studies**, we will continue working on sentence structures, which include capital letters and punctuation. We will be working on the formation of paragraphs. Students will be introduced to the hamburger method of writing: top bun - introduction, meat - is the detail paragraphs, and final paragraph - conclusion. Students will be required to read between 15 and 20 after completing homework. If you are on the go you can always have your students read free books on the Unite for Literacy site below.
[Unite for Literacy](#)
- In **math**, we will continue to work on some number talks. For the next couple of weeks we will work on addition and subtraction between utilizing number lines. We will also be introducing basic multiplication using the number line. The students will have the opportunity to interconnect math and science since we will be talking about rain and clouds.
 - Students can practice their math skills working in SplashLearn. They will receive their login within this next week. Here are the instructions:
 - Step 1 : [splashlearn.com/student](https://www.splashlearn.com/student) or Download SplashLearn iPad app & login as student
 - Step 2 : Enter Class Code **EAMUOD**
 - Step 3 : Select Your Name
 - Step 4 : Enter Common Password **tape21**
- In **science** students will continue to hypothesize and ask questions. We will journal what types of questions we have and slowly come back to see if through exploration we can answer them. We will continue to talk about the seasons and have discussions about what we see with the changes. Students will continue to look at the different seasons and learn to differentiate climate and weather.
- In **Physical Education** students will be moving around and exercising their bodies. We will talk about the importance of healthy life styles 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. Thank you to all parents who joined me at the open house last month. 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.
- **Homework:** The students take new packets on Mondays and have to turn it in on Fridays. Additionally students should be reading between 15 and 20 minutes every night. They are to fill out the reading log in their homework folder and turn it in on **Mondays**. If you do not have books at home or are on the go please use the free website called Unite for Literacy. See below for the website.
[Unite for Literacy](#)

***PLEASE** send your student with a **large water bottle** and **extra masks** in their backpack everyday.

Gracias,
Maestra Jessica

Arte

Kayla Martínez

¡Hola Familia Raices! Ya estamos en Octubre! Can you believe it? It has been a pleasure teaching art, exploring mediums and making art with every student in our little escuela. I hope they also enjoyed the take home art book and plastelina kit I prepared while we were at home. We got some great photos of your coatl tecpatl and and miqiztli. Gracias por enviarlos. Below are some photos chosen at random by artists Evie, Tristin, and Aria.



This month's activities will reflect the Xinachtli calendar relating to the cuentos or the number of the week in our "one is the sun metaphor." Activities will explore the unique cultures that make up our school community, to create a unique school ofrenda for Xochimiqueh Micaihuitl (flowering and honoring of the ancestors or Día de los Muertos). Please let me know if any of your families or ancestral traditions around this topic so I can be sure to include them; kmartinez@raicesdelSaber.org