

Monthly Newsletter
December 2021



We are halfway through the school year and we are rocking and rolling! Parents and caretakers, we could not do this without you. You all have been flexible and positive throughout the year during all the changes that have allowed us to keep having in person learning.

This is going to be a short month, so please make it a point to show up everyday and on time to benefit as much as possible before we go on break. The days are getting colder, please remember to dress your child in layers so they can be comfortable throughout the day. Also, please send the children a mask and water bottle every day.

December Events

6 Concilio de Padres meeting at 6:30 on Zoom*

13 Governing Board meeting at 5:30 on Zoom*

16 Winter Solstice Presentation- **Virtual** Whole School Participation. Please look for a link in your email on December 15 *

17 Food distribution for all families ** (MoGro Mobile Grocery: mogro.net, Animal Protection of New Mexico: apnm.org)

17 End of Fall semester

20-31st Winter Break NO SCHOOL

January 5th First day back to school

Covid testing will continue on Fridays if you sign a permission form. This is an opt in test. No test will be administered without your written consent.

*For Zoom meetings that you would like to join, please contact Lcarmona@raicesdelsaber.org for access to the link.

**Vegan Outreach and Animal Protection of New Mexico have been purchasing food throughout the pandemic, including the ones for Xinachtli Community School and Concilio Campesino. Their missions are to reduce animal suffering and raise awareness about animal suffering on factory farms, and they sometimes partner together. They have been great partners.

Along with this newsletter, you will find two attachments.

1. Information about our school to share with the community. If you own a business or know of a place where we can drop off more fliers, please let me or Lucia know and we can get you more copies. We appreciate your help letting the community know about us.

2. Information from the CDC regarding Vaccines for Children and Teens.

Paz y salud,

Julia

Headadministrator@raicesdelsaber.org

Kindergarten - Aceves

Winter is coming and we are celebrating. **Kinder will perform a play based on one of our story books, Arrow to the Sun.** The children will play roles as characters in the story. We are video recording the entire production! You will get to see it on your computer or television screens over the holidays. This drama production will enhance their literacy skills and their self-esteem.

Virtual Classroom (Lucia provided PW and instructions to login)

This December kinder is also beginning its virtual classroom for communication beyond class time between students and teacher and between parents and myself. There will be an assigned time for you as parents to log-in and discuss any issue with me.

Math

The arrival of Winter also means kinder will tackle subtraction as we have pretty much mastered addition this week. We will begin 2022 strong in math and a solid foundation for reading.

Kindergarten ESPAÑOL

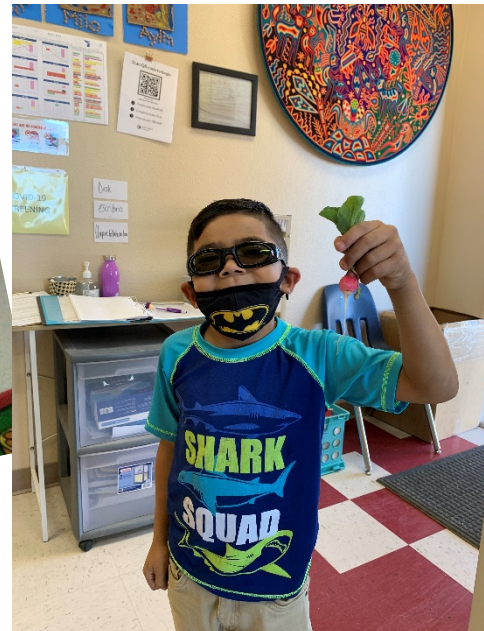
Llega el invierno y vamos a celebrar. Kinder actuará un drama basado en una de nuestros cuentos: Flecha al sol. Los alumnos actuarán los papeles de los personajes en el cuento. Vamos a grabar esta producción para que ustedes la puedan ver en sus pantallas durante las vacaciones. Esta producción ayudará en las destrezas de alfabetización y su auto-estima.

Salón de Clase Virtual (Lucia les envió la contraseña y las instrucciones para entrar)

Este diciembre iniciamos nuestro salón virtual para que alumnos y ustedes se puedan comunicar conmigo fuera de las horas de salón.

Matemáticas

Invierno también es cuando aprendemos a restar ya que esta semana hemos manejado muy bien las sumas. Comenzaremos el 2022 fuertes en matemáticas y una base fuerte para la lectura.



1st Grade - Ms. Inzunza and Mrs. Hoobler

Language Arts:

Xinachtli:

- The Students Will learn about “11 son las aguas”, “12 es Comunidad” y “13 son las Estrellas”
- Will continue working on Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Daily Lessons
- Letter Names and Sounds Estrellita Program: <https://youtu.be/aNMwtfP-jC4>
- Will focus on the following letters /qu/, /z/, /h/, /y/
- Silabas trabadas: dra, dre, dri, dro, dru.

ELD (English Language Development:

- Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Daily Lessons
Blends and digraphs: sp, st, br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr.

Mathematics: Bridges Program/Internet Resources

- Counting by 5's, 10, within 100 or over 100 for advanced students.
- Order numerals 100-200 for advanced students.
- Practice counting in Nahuatl 0-20, number identification.
- Determine the value of a collection of coins totaling less than
- \$ 1.00
- Organize, represent, and interpret data 10 more, plus 1 more, 10 less and 1 less.

Science

“11 son las aguas” Where water comes from? What is water? How much water do we have in our planet? What are the uses of water?

“11 son las aguas”:

Educational Videos Related to the Theme:

<https://youtu.be/8tqUSdQD5XE>

<https://youtu.be/uRZhdeHDsMc>

<https://youtu.be/ou36uuuRuSY?list=TLPQMDcxMTlwMiFq1KW908wiXQ>

<https://youtu.be/VBp9PZGsH6E>

Social Studies

“12 es Comunidad” What is a community? What types of communities do we have in our state? What is Rural Community? What types of jobs do we have in my community?

Educational Videos Related to the Theme:

“12 es comunidad”:

<https://youtu.be/-T1mDfZro08>

<https://youtu.be/rso4I5TbUX8>

<https://youtu.be/zXdIR4wF6j4>

<https://youtu.be/lur6IXKM9E4>

Aztec Culture:

- Ilhuichinalli: 9-day count to the Winter Solstice from December 12-17th, 2021.
- The Story of Huitzilopochtli.
<https://youtu.be/FoLksKv2Ejo>
- History of the Piñata.
<https://youtu.be/nUSchGfe2xl>

Science:

“13 son las estrellas” What are articulations? How many articulations do I have in my body? How are the articulations connected to all my skeletal system? Why is articulation #13 on my neck?

Educational Videos Related to the Theme:

<https://youtu.be/gwK5f2cyhgc>

<https://youtu.be/TKX0DI9DJ8o>

<https://youtu.be/cuGRHKIUUjk>

<https://youtu.be/ywDOiNEdJVc>

2nd Grade - Ms. Ribail 😊

What We Are Learning.

Language Arts:

- Resource (Heggerty) to practice phonics and reading skills. We will continue to work on sentence structures, using capital letters and end marks. We will be working on paragraphs using transition words: First, next, last. Students are required to read 15 minutes after completing homework. They will use the Reading Log to complete and return on Monday.
-Link to the public library information and how to get a library card <https://www.las-cruces.org/1617/Library>
- Reading apps- they are free <https://bookriot.com/free-reading-apps/>

Math:

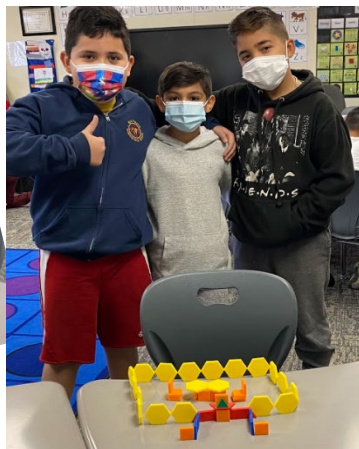
- Student will add and subtract two-digit numbers. Students will continue to use Two-step word problems with all operations Computations and Algebraic Thinking – Multi-digit Addition and Subtraction Word Problems. Students will use visual representations to practice representing numbers in standard form and expanded form. Student will work using the Place Value to identify the ones, tens, hundreds in a number.

- Number Metaphors Dates
0 – Is Infinity 12/6/21
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tALP1YGoF3I> Invention of Zero
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr1be2nKq4E> El cuento del número cero
 Students will use prior knowledge to define the word **infinito** and answer the question, “Es la nada infinito?” The teacher will point out the to zero as infinity. Students will orally say: **Cero es el infinito.**
- 20- Is Complete** 12/13/21
 Students will be invited to explore the number twenty in their own bodies (¿Donde hay veinte en sus cuerpos?) They will be guided to their hands and feet. (Two feet w/5 toes each; two hands w/5 fingers each) Key words: **veinte, manos, pies, dedos, nudillos.**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJIXzxi9NY> La familia del 20 | Aprende los números https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ybvb7oy_WV0 The Maya Base 20 number system

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3rd Grade - Jessica Castro-Buelna

Wow we are coming into the middle of the year. The students have been working hard to understand new concepts and have adapted to changes made in the classroom. Please read **IMPORTANT Homework information.** Please see below a few pictures of the students' learning process through interconnection of math and engineering. The students task was to construct any type of building with the different shapes in a matter of time. Some teams had difficulty while others were successful. The other task they were to complete was counting the shapes' sides and making sure they group the correct amount by adding or grouping to complete some type of multiplication process. Below you will find what we will be working on for the month of December.





- **Language arts/social studies**, we will dive into working on poems. The student will be working on how to create poems and also reciting them. Students have chosen their poem to recite, and I ask you help them at home to recite them. Below you will find a link for poems online if they want to get creative and learn different poems.
[Poetry 4 Kids](#)
- **Xinachtli** - Maestro Carlos has visited our classroom to expand our knowledge about Nahuatl and Xinachtli. He will continue to work with us on the creation of our Tonalmachiotl area of the classroom. In the last weeks, the students have learned about the phases of the moon and how it connects to the Tonalmachiotl. We will be learning how to find the moons using our hands. Please feel free to watch any videos at your leisure with the student posted on your YouTube page. Below you will find the link.
<https://www.youtube.com/c/TlokeNauoke/videos>
- **Math**, we will continue to work on some number talks. With the use of the Nepohualtzintzin the students have managed to learn how to use them to add and subtract and are slowly getting the hang of it. We have been very successful working on simple multiplication. We are still working hard on story problems and making sure we know the information we need and get rid of the information we don't need.
 - 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 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**
- **Science** students will continue to hypothesize and ask questions. We have been working on anchor phenomenon lessons to deepen what the students are learning within the lesson. We will be working on life cycles linking it to our own growth as well.
- **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. 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:** **Students will complete their reading log.** If there is work that isn't complete in class, this will turn into homework. 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 every day.

Gracias,
Maestra Jessica

ARTE – Kayla Martínez

We are planning for Ilhuichicnahui Huitzilopochtli, our Nine Day Count to the Winter Solstice starting Dec 12-17th. Art classes will be incorporating this special date for the month of December. Our school will be creating a virtual event for you to enjoy with your friends and family and our whole school will be a part of it. We will continue to make the art for this event. In December we celebrate the winter and nature of the seasons. Did you know in winter the Earth is in the closest position to the sun?

On another note, I just wanted to send out a special thank you to all our families who contributed to our Ofrenda with donations and/or pictures of your loved ones who have passed. And a special thank you to those who came to set up and take down our Día de los Muertos Ofrenda, muchísimas gracias. Teamwork makes the dream work. Also, if any parent is able and willing to donate some art supplies to some of our students who don't have them, they could use: Glue, Scissors, and Markers. They would be very grateful and happy.

Tlazo,
Maestra de Arte Kayla

Tloke Nauoke After School Program – Anita Lara, OST Coordinator

Piyalli Familias de Tloke Nauoke After School Program. This December our TK Kids are finishing up with their fall enrichment classes. We have had a great time expanding our knowledge through Magia de Maiz, SEMAA 3, Arte y Cultura, Bucket Drumlines, Reader's Theater, Strategy Club, Mindfulness, Garden Club and Ballet Folklórico. All these awesome enrichment activities are provided by the TK After School Team Members in partnership with NMSU 21st Century Grant. The 21st Century grant allows our program to receive funding for each class to purchase supplies for activities for the next 5yrs. We are so grateful for this

opportunity. Like they say it takes a village to raise a child, and the TK Team likes to think that we are living and breathing that community ideal.

In other great news, we are proud to announce that one of our enrichment classes Magia de Maiz will be featured nationally through a FoodCorps Storytelling Session. Our very own FoodCorps Service Member Mr. Luis and Chef Mateo will be featured alongside students to tell the unique story of Magia de Maiz. Mr. Luis and Chef Mateo are providing opportunities for students to reconnect with the culture of corn. Utilizing Ancestral wisdom of growing, caring, processing, cooking and eating corn. Students have created a unique community learning experience that is something to be celebrated. The Tloke Nauoke Familia is so proud to say “Yo Soy de La Tierra” . It is beauty like this that makes our after-school program so unique. We hope your students enjoyed this fall season's enrichment courses. Keep a look out for the Spring Season Course Catalog.

You Got it? LET’S GO!

Anita, Briana, Kayla, Luis y Martín

