

# Falcon Family News

## Pre-Kindergarten – October 2018

### UNIT OF STUDY

#### “My Five Senses”

Students will learn how they can use their senses to explore, investigate, and understand the world around them.

### ARTS CONNECTIONS

Young artists are learning how to use natural objects to create works of art. They will also create pieces of art (such as texture collages and leaf rubbings) which incorporate the use of one of the five senses.

### INQUIRY AND CRITICAL THINKING

Our focus questions this month are;

- How do we use our sense of sight?
- How do we use our sense of hearing?
- How do we use our sense of taste?
- How do we use our sense of smell?
- How do we use our sense of touch?

### STUDENT WORK SAMPLES

At the end of this unit, all students will have completed...

- A Leaf Rubbing with a description
- An Apple Taste Test with photographs and comments
- A Pumpkin Exploration with photographs and comments
- Predictions or Conclusions, sensory experiments

A number quantifying activity

### HOME CONNECTIONS

At home, families will work with their child to create a special snack, and use their senses to record their experience by creating a “Family Snack Recipe Booklet. (Details to follow)

### CULMINATING CELEBRATION

We will celebrate our learning by tasting our homemade treats by sharing them with the class.

We also will be inviting families to join in a culminating activity at the end of the unit. (Details to follow in a separate letter!

***Save the date! October 26, 2018 @9:00 A.M –Pre-K Pumpkin Patch in PS 68 schoolyard. All parents are invited to attend. Rain date is October 27, 2018!***

### BOOKS WE ARE READING

We will read-

***Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?*** By Eric Carle

***Tap, Tap, Boom Boom*** by Elizabeth Gluemle

***Rah, Rah Radishes!***: A Vegetable Chant by Pulley Sayre

***The Five Senses*** by Alike

### CENTER CONNECTIONS

- In the block center, students will design and construct playgrounds using their senses to recreate what they would expect to see, hear, taste, touch, and smell at a playground. Blocks with different textures will be added to this center for enhanced play!
- In our Dramatic Play Center, we will be opening a bakery!
- We will conduct sensory experiments in our Science Center that will allow us to develop and use our inquiry skills.
- In our Math, Center, we will be using natural objects to learn to read and write the numbers 1 to 5. We will also sort objects by size, shape, color, and textures.
- We will introduce “The Letter of the Week”, each week in the Writing Center! We also will continue to work on recognition and writing of our first names.
- We will be added surprise sensory items to our Sand/Water Table.