

The Altair School Newsletter

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Upcoming 4th Day Events

- ◆ 9/27 - Tualatin Hills Nature Park
- ◆ 10/4 - Fort Vancouver

Homework

For this weekend:

1. **Writing:**
Students should decorate their Writer's Notebook to return next Tuesday.
2. **Science:**
Assignment sheet in Science Notebook asks students to further explore the concept that matter is neither created nor destroyed, it only changes form.
3. **Home to School Library Check Out Guide**
(attached to email)

Classroom News

Parent Bulletin Board in hallway

Next week you will see a parent bulletin board taking shape in the hallway. This will include information such as: parent job calendar, classroom schedule, school calendar, and other important information. However, email will still be the primary means of communication.

Subject area studies

Here are a few of the topics of study from this week: Newton's 3rd Law of Motion, alliteration, data collection and graphing, and essay writing. The students also learned how to research a topic through their study of bald eagles

Recess Supplies

We are gathering outdoor items students can play with at recess. If you would like to donate anything to the class, we would gladly take them! Some examples are Frisbees, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, soft balls, ping pong balls, etc. We are also looking for a large tub with handles to carry supplies outside if you have an extra.

Spanish

Students began Spanish class this week. Please ask your child to tell you some of the benefits of learning a second language; there are many! Students each chose a Spanish name to help them begin to engage in the Spanish culture. We've worked on the phrases: Buenos Dias, , Hola, Me llamo, and a few extras. Our greeting song to the tune of Frere Jacques is:

Buenos dias, Buenos dias
¿Como estas? ¿Como estas?

Muy bien, gracias, muy bien gracias,
¿Y usted?, ¿Y usted?

Teacher Search

Several teacher candidates have been interviewed this week, with others in the works. We are excited to find the right educator for our school. We will keep you posted!

In the meantime, we are making the most of our talented parents who just so happen to be experienced teachers! While we search for a lead teacher, Betsy Ptak will provide extra math support, and Katrina Bruland will guest teach science and art. Thank you!

Coming Next Week

We will begin work stations focused on the topic of How big is big? How small is small? Next week, ask your child to tell you about the topics he/she studied at the work stations.

Students will select a nonfiction topic of choice to research, take notes on, and compile into an essay.

Reminders

Water bottles can be kept at school during the week. We ask students to bring bottles home to wash over the weekend.

Library card copies

We plan to visit the Beaverton library approximately every other week. If we don't already have a copy of a library card for your child to use, please send one in. We will keep these safely stored in the classroom. We do not need the original card as this would make it difficult for you to use it other days!