

Porter Pals News:

September Notes from Mrs. Coviello's Room

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Porter Pals Preschool program! We are getting to know our classmates' and teachers' names, learning to follow rules and routines, and having lots of fun. Don't be surprised if your child comes home very tired during this first portion of the school year. It takes some time to adjust. Here are some of the things we are doing this month:

<p style="text-align: center;">September Themes</p> <p><u>Colors:</u> Red, Yellow <u>Shape:</u> Circle <u>Science and Math:</u> Apples, My Body, Signs of Fall <u>Social Studies:</u> School, Rules, Getting to Know You</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September Stories</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Here Are My Hands</i> <i>Maisy Goes to Preschool</i> <i>Hands Can</i> <i>The Foot Book</i> <i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!</i> <i>Pete the Cat: Rockin' in My School Shoes</i> <i>Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes</i> <i>My Nose, Your Nose</i> <i>Ten Red Apples</i> <i>I See Circles Everywhere</i> <i>Red is Best</i> <i>When I Build with Blocks</i> and more!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Songs, Rhymes, and Poems</p> <p>Mary Had a Little Lamb I Like Red Shake, Shake the Apple Tree Ten Little Fingers ...and more!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ideas to Try at Home</p> <p>*The concept of time is very abstract for young children. When helping your child to understand when a special event will happen, you may want to try making an old-fashioned paper chain, with each loop representing one day. Each night before bed, help your child to tear off one loop. You can count the loops, and talk about how the chain is getting shorter.</p> <p>* Words associated with time are tricky, too! Help your child to learn words like <i>morning, afternoon, evening, breakfast, lunch, dinner, yesterday, tomorrow...</i> Use these words in conversations and help your child to understand what they mean. We will be working on this throughout the year here in school, as well.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Reminders</p> <p>*Porter's Open House, grades PK - 8, is on Thursday, Sept. 14th (details to follow soon)</p> <p>*Sept. 25th: Early Dismissal (AM class 8:15-10:15; PM class 11:15-1:15)</p> <p>*Please check your child's folder every day. This is where you will find school-wide or preschool notices and other information, as well as your child's completed projects. The folder may be empty on some days and full on others! Please place anything you would like us to see in the folder, as well. We check them every morning during our arrival routines.</p>	