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Special Areas Newsletter

Physical Education

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Welcome to Physical Education! We have a lot of fun activities planned for this year. Safety is our first and foremost concern. Students must wear tennis shoes or sneakers to participate. No boots, sandals, flip flops or dress shoes may be worn. Remember those SHOES! See you in P.E.!

Special Area Discipline Plan

Rules

Follow Directions

Keep hands, feet & objects to yourself

No talking while teacher is talking

No name calling or teasing

No food, drink, or gum

Rewards

Varies by area

Consequences

Warning

5 minutes = Time Out

10 Minutes = Time Out

Call Parents

Principal

Media Center

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Media Center Website:

<http://www.am.dodea.edu/rucker/Primary/index.htm>

I look forward to working with your child this year. All children will be checking books out of the library on their scheduled days. I will send home a letter with your child on the first visit to the library. When a book is returned they may check another one out. I will not be picking out a library book for each child. They may not want my help, so please try to accept their choice.

You may visit the library website to link you directly to various websites. Just go the Ft. Rucker Primary School website, click on class pages, click on specials and then click on the library or media center. I will constantly post websites posted for you to explore with your child. The students will learn about various Web 2.0 tools and learn how to access various databases this year.

Do you have any extra time to volunteer in the library? Please sign in at the front hallway and come to the library. Volunteers will not have a set schedule as I try to be flexible with the all my parents and encourage them to volunteer at the times that are most convenient for them. I would prefer that you volunteered for the first time when I have the extra time to give you a brief tour and explain some of the procedures of the library. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Technology Byte

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Welcome back! We are so excited to see everyone!
Welcome new families!

Please visit-

<http://www.usafelibraries.org/kids/>

to find a variety of FREE resources for you and your family. Here at FRPS, we use Tumblebooks-an online collection of story books. Your family can listen to these at home! There are no logins or passwords to remember. Just click on the red Tumblebooks top tab of the website above.

Nurse Notes

Nurse Doggett debbie.doggett@am.dodea.edu

August 14th the special area teachers and I will be screening all of Kindergarten and 1st grade for vision, hearing, height and weight. Any student who fails a screening will be rescreened by me. If they fail again, I will send a referral letter home. Please take the referral letter to your doctor and have him/her fill out their portion and return it to me, the school nurse, for our records. If a student cannot see or hear well it affects all aspects of learning.

The week of August 27th through 31st the PK students will come to the clinic to hear me read "The Nurse from the Black Lagoon". I will demonstrate all that I do for them and show them I am not scary.

Thank you for the wonderful support we get from all of you. TOGETHER WE CAN, make the best "team" for learning!

Nurse Doggett

Counselor's Corner

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I am delighted to see all of the boys and girls return to school. We have an exciting year planned for counseling classes. I am looking forward to working with all of the students. Parents please remember the first few days of school can often be difficult for young children. They are used to being at home or daycare for the summer and may have some "jitters" upon entering a classroom full of other children and an unfamiliar teacher. In addition to the difficulties children face, it may also be hard for a parent to leave their child at school when the child may appear to not want to be there. Most children settle down quickly once the parent has left and they are able to get involved in the classroom's activities.

During the month of August, in guidance, the children will learn the importance of listening. The teacher will share with the class the book, "Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen." The students will also receive a lesson during week two of class from Nurse Doggett. She will share with the class information on asthma and allergies (seasonal and food). They will enjoy the books "The Lion Who Had Asthma," "The Allergic Cow," and "The Allergic Elephant." Classes will spend the last two weeks of the month learning about manners. They will learn appropriate behavior in a wide range of social situations. We will have an exciting year in guidance.

FLES-Spanish

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¡Hola! Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade will have the opportunity to learn Español with Señora Esteves-Hurst. The DoDEA Foreign Language Program enables students to use foreign language for personal enjoyment and enrichment, to pursue higher levels of language learning beyond secondary school, to advance career opportunities and become culturally aware and successful as members of the diverse communities in which they live.

The DoDEA Foreign Language program:

- Is an integral part of the K-12 core curriculum;
- Provides a foreign language learning experience for all students beginning at the earliest age possible;
- Provides multiple entry points and extended opportunities for foreign language learning in a sequential curriculum;
- Incorporates research-based best practices;
- Ensures that students and teachers communicate extensively in the target language;
- Engages students in meaningful, purposeful communication in foreign languages in authentic situations

Music Notes

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Welcome!

In September, all Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes will be studying Patriotic music. This is an important unit of study as we will be learning:

- The importance of the words in the Pledge of Allegiance
- The writing of the Star-Spangled Banner

We will be having a special collaborative unit on Everyday Heroes, led by Mrs. Amuso (Library), Mrs. Hammond (Guidance), Mrs. Shaffer (Technology), and myself (Music). We will be discussing characteristics of everyday heroes, accessing databases to find images of heroes, drawing our own special heroes, and having special guests. It will culminate with a special assembly program which will be held on Hero Day, Tuesday, September 11. Each student will be asked to dress in RED, WHITE, and BLUE in honor of our Everyday Heroes. This assembly will just be for our school faculty/students. Thank you for understanding!