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October 2016 Newsletter

Homework is hopefully feeling more smooth by now. Good study habits and time management are learned skills, not inherited traits. Many students experience overload during the first year in a new classroom. This includes Minis moving to Munchkins, Munchkins moving to Bigs, as well as students new to Fayette. Please talk with our classroom teachers if you have questions about homework, and feel free to use us as a resource for homework strategies.

Big's Language studies require repetition to be successful. The new Bigs will begin learning the symbols and sounds of Greek and seeing that many of those seemingly random English words are actually Greek words in new clothing. Chinese study includes practicing character writing as well as pronunciations, at home. Latin is off to a great start already. All language homework needs to be done frequently and we suggest using flashcards and ending charts as continual study aids.

Studio work is going well with Kathleen holding forth every morning with groups of Bigs and Munchkins in the studio. The integration possible during a fun half hour of playful work is a great way to start the day and leads to continued better learning. You are always welcome to join these great 1/2 hr classes.

Parent's Week is coming up next month, November 15th-18th. Be thinking of a project or subject for your time slot. Remember if you have two kids in school that means two slots to fill. A slot is defined as a two hour commitment.

If you are planning to be out of town for PW, please arrange for someone else to honor your commitment.

Food at Fayette Lunches are looking great and we appreciate your efforts to keep processed, overly packaged foods to a minimum and encourage you to read the nutritional labels, searching for excessive amounts of sugar. Fayette is a caffeine, carbonation, styrofoam and pomegranate free zone.

Pack It In - Pack It Out of food and containers is also well begun. When buying products in plastic remember to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Please help minimize the "art" on the Pillar of Shame.

Climbing Week is almost here and will take place Oct 18th-25th.

Absences for the day are preferably announced by email. Scheduled absences for family trips may be expressed in an email or written note. Please do not use teacher's private cell numbers for school communications. Doctors appointments should not be scheduled on Tuesdays if at all possible.

Parenting Classes will start on Thursday, October 13th after school, and run every other week through November 10th. Please let us know of your interest, so we have an accurate head count. We highly suggest a parent from each family come to the first class. As our children grow and change it can be tremendously beneficial to have more tools available, even if we don't feel we need them now!

Tara