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October 2017 Newsletter

Picture Days are October 4-5th with class photos happening at 8:30 & 8:50. Please have your child here on time, and ready to take some great pictures. *We prefer shirts with no words on them, for the group photos.*

Climbing Week will take place Oct 10th-13th. An email is forthcoming about the schedule and details of climbing week.

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.

Big's Language studies require repetition to be successful. The new Bigs are 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 14th-17th. 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.*

Munchkin Camping trip to UWC is rescheduled for October 5-6th, and hopefully the rain will hold off this time! Munchkins will be given a school farm tour, eat in the cafeteria with college students from over 85 countries, camp overnight on the campus, have a morning yoga class in the Light Sanctuary, and then take a ropes course with UWC instructors. Many thanks to Naomi Swinton, Ada's mom, who works with UWC (www.uwc-usa.org) for helping make this possible!

Food at Fayette Lunches are looking great and we really appreciate your efforts to keep overly packaged foods and excessive amounts of sugar to a minimum. 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 encourage your child to keep the "art" on the Pillar of Trash to a minimum.

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, even if you have them. Doctors appointments should not be scheduled on Tuesdays, if at all possible.

Tara