

Tzu Chi Elementary Newsletter

October 2018

A Note from Mrs. Grover

Dear Families,

Happy Fall everyone! Now that we are into October, we need to think about the weather changing and possibly cooling off. Especially in the mornings. If you are going to send your child with a jacket, please make sure it is school colors: **black, navy or white**. Umbrellas are allowed for them to walk to and from school in but if it is raining we will not take the kids outside. If they should wear rain boots, please make sure to send an extra set of shoes for them to change into for the classroom.

We have a lot going on this month, including picture day and our first bussing field trip! We will also celebrate our fall celebration towards the end of the month. Please mark these dates (listed on the right) on your calendar. Besides all of the fun we will be having, we will continue to focus on our academic success and the character trait of responsibility. It is important that we partner with the parents on all areas of learning so please talk to your kids about how they will be more responsible both at school and at home this month.

Lastly, on behalf of the whole school, staff and students, we would like to say one big **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped to fill some of the teacher's wish lists! I know the teachers are very grateful for your generosity. It is great to partner with you to provide the ultimate learning environment for our kids.

I hope to see MANY of you at the parent meeting following the awards ceremony on October 4th. We will meet in the cafeteria and coffee and tea will be provided!

Cheers!
Mrs. Grover

Jing Si Aphorism

"One good habit means one less bad habit."
– Master Chen Yen



Important Dates

*Please Save to your
calendar:*

- **October 2** Fire truck on campus!
- **October 4** Awards Ceremony 8:15am AND Coffee w/ Principal
- **October 16** Fall Picture Day – Formal Uniforms required
- **October 25** Fall field trip to Amy's Far
- **October 31** Fall Festival and Halloween – costumes aloud, NO masks or weapons

Don't forget to check our Tzu Chi Facebook page for more photos!

Character Education

RESPONSIBILITY

Thoughts from Ms. Kaiser, Walnut Kindergarten Teacher

The word responsibility is heard in classrooms around the world; it is on the list of rules hung on class bulletin boards, and teachers are often heard reminding students to be responsible. But what exactly does it mean for a child to be responsible? A quick definition would be that you do the things you are expected to do and accept the consequences of your actions. Of course our expectations of kids change as they grow older and their responsibilities grow, but fostering healthy habits that prompt your child to be responsible is crucial at this age.

Some of the responsibilities students have in the classrooms are: be responsible for their belongings (school box, pencils, crayons), be responsible for completing their own work and they are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. At lunchtime, students are responsible for cleaning up any mess on the table and putting their dirty plates away.



As teachers, we put this responsibility on our students because we know they are capable of handling it. But responsibility is not only important at school; it is essential for our students to have responsibilities outside of school.

Many of the tasks our students complete at school can easily be done at home. Encourage your child to wipe the table after a meal, put their dirty dishes in the sink and have them clean up their toys after playing. When getting ready for school in the morning, have your child pack their backpacks (homework folders, water bottle, jacket) and carry their own belongings when walking into their classroom. This will not only teach them good habits by being responsible in their homes, but as parents you will have less to worry about! Introducing new tasks to children can be hard work, but be patient and stay persistent. Soon, your child will be in the habit of doing what they are expected to do, being responsible!

Our students have started to take responsibility at lunch time by wiping their tables and sweeping the ground around the tables. Each week different students are assigned to the task!

In September, we had Ms. Suzie, a local librarian come and visit our school! She read to us and played some fun games.

She will be back in November and she is going to set each child up with a temporary library card! Information will go home for parents to help turn the temporary card into a permanent one at your local library!

Reading is fun!

