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The Newsletter of Auburn Early Education Center

Counselor's Corner

In guidance for the month of September, we will be learning all about understanding and respecting ourselves and others (anti-bullying and respect).

Our Core Essential value of the month is Friendship, which is using our words and actions to show others we care. (I have attached our poster for the word of the month if you want to include that).


We will also be kicking off our counseling small groups this month. I cannot wait to get to know all of our AEEC students and families better.



Principal's Message

Wow, what a month! Thanks to our amazing families, students, and teachers for being such rock stars! We appreciate your thorough actions and dedicated efforts as we navigate each unique day. It is the team effort that has allowed us to experience much success during our opening to the 2020-21 school year.

After 4 weeks, we have had just 1 positive case resulting in 1 full 14 day quarantine. While others have had to quarantine from outside factors, we are pleased with our internal numbers. We will continue our cleaning, masking, and distancing practices to mitigate any spread.

Even though Covid has seemed to steal the attention of the year, please know we continue to serve our students with highly effective reading and math strategies daily. We have set our course and are navigating our waters. S.E.A.S. the Day! #SuccessfullyEducatingAllStudents 



Curriculum Corner

Beginning of the year district wide benchmarks will begin during the first week of September for the district-wide assessments of STAR 360 and DIBELS 8th. These assessments are just one piece of the puzzle in determining the best instructional needs of your child. Assessments are given either during computer lab time or during a time where students will not miss any instructional time in the classroom. This is a time when it is important that all traditional and virtual students are present for assessments.

Please continue to read to your child at night. Research shows that reading to your child enhances their vocabulary, background knowledge, and grows a love for reading. Thank you for all you do each and every moment of the day!

Title I News

Hello everyone! With our school-wide Title 1 program, every child is touched in some way with Title 1. Along with parents, we strive in every way to meet the needs of you and your child.

For the month of September, our Title One is program is sailing right along and providing valuable services to our students both traditionally and virtually. The annual title one meeting will be done virtually this year on September 11th. The video is currently on AEEC's website, so feel free to watch it anytime! If you have any questions, please email me at lvbabers@auburnschools.org. I will be more than happy to answer your questions. Be on the lookout for new, virtual, and exciting parent engagement activities for this up coming school year!

Media Center

Things are off to a great start in the library! Our library media lessons have focused on reviewing library procedures, expectations and book care. All students have begun checking out library books. Things are a little different this year with library book check out. We are taking a selection of books to the classrooms for book checkout. Students may keep a library book out for 14 days before it is overdue. Since we don't have flex media this fall, they are encouraged to bring their books back on the day they have library media class. We're so excited about working with your children in the library! "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." – Sir Richard Steele

PTO News

Welcome to AEEC! We look forward to working alongside the parents and staff this 2020-2021 school year! The teachers have done a great job kicking off this school year. Since we can't physically be in the classroom, I would love to see us (as parents) or even the children to encourage teachers (including specials teachers) with kind words, notes, etc. Thank you to everyone who ordered AEEC t-shirts. Also, if you have not paid your \$5.00 PTO membership dues, please do so through My School Bucks. If you have any questions please email at: elizabethsmithbennett@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Elizabeth Bennett, PTO President

Notes from the Nurse

We are off to a great start at school. Please review the steps below (from the Alabama Department of Public Health) to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Practice good hygiene: cover coughs and sneezes, don't touch your face, and wash hands often

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home
- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others not in your household
- Use cloth face coverings when in public
- Clean and disinfect frequently used items and touched surfaces often

*Reminder: If your child has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact.

*AEEC has a new pickup location for students that are ill. Nurse Haley or Nurse Sanderson will contact you via phone and ask that you remain in your car by the wooden pole with the sign that reads "Parking for Nurse's Clinic Pick Up". It is located between the front teacher parking lot and Tiger's Den. Please refer to the picture below. The nurse will assist your child to your car. At that time, she will request to see your ID and obtain your signature.



Fine Arts with Basgier and Schiller

Art Class looks a little bit different this year as I'm rolling my cart into classrooms, but that's not stopping us from creating some beautiful things! In order to reduce the need for sharing materials all students have been supplied with a basic Art Kit with our most frequently used items. We spent the first days getting those distributed and labeled before diving right in to our Square1Art projects. Square1Art is a fundraising company that provides the opportunity to purchase your child's artwork reproduced on various products. Just for participating, every child will get a sheet of stickers with their artwork on it for FREE. Those stickers will come home with an order form later this Fall along with everything you need to know about purchasing should you choose to do so. Kindergarteners have been working on some beautiful colorful hearts. First graders have created large sunflowers inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. And, 2nd graders are creating Wayne Thiebaud inspired cupcakes. These are turning out beautifully! Up next, we'll be celebrating International Dot Day (September 15ish) by creating dot artwork inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' book, The Dot!

This month in Music, we are diving into our units on the Instruments of the Orchestra. We are learning about the four instrument families: Percussion, Brass, Woodwinds, and Strings. We are also learning about famous composers, appropriate audience etiquette, and even learning how to become conductors!

Upcoming Dates for AEEC

September 7: No School (Labor Day)

September 14: Progress Reports Go Home

October 2: Picture Retakes

October 16: Parent Conference Day

October 19: Checklists Go Home

October 19-23: Bus Safety Week

October 26-30: Red Ribbon Week