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Junior Primary at Docker River Primary School Nyangatjatjara College



Circle Time

We have a class song that we sing every morning which serves as a rule reminder for classroom expectations. Each day at circle time, we have alphabet games which the students look forward to at the start our program. This follows by our daily healthy body routine. In particular we have been enjoying a new bingo game where three letter words are sounded out.

Children now consolidate alphabet letters and are learning to put these sounds together.

Following this activity time in a circle students then go on to reinforcing these sounds and phonemic skills via activity sheets. Students are assisted by AEW's Christine Bennet, Winsome and at times Beverly and Virginia who also work at the school.

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As in the Spring time we think of new life such as flowers and baby animals, we are happy that our classroom has also made a fresh beginning by welcoming a number of new students. Their names are Lydia Brumby, Ursula Abbot, Arnold Teamay, Noeline Smith, Giselle Bennett, Keani Teamay, Stephanie Jugadai and we are happy to have back the following: John, Melissa, Doris, Anika, Zeanna. Shaun, Alec and Elizabeth.

Save the Date!

Assembly

28th September, 16

Day Trip to
Lassetters Cave

29th September, 16

JP Open day

22nd October, 16

The Junior
Primary Open Day



The Windy Season

In Anangu seasons there are only three, the wet the dry and the windy. The Spring time is known by Anangu as the 'Windy' Season.



Our Bush Trip

Exploring the outdoor environment in the Spring time is a wonderful time to learn about the nature around us. Here is a picture of a recent bush trip when we went to the Airstrip. Rita and Virginia located special bush foods.

Mr. Gumpy's Outing

In accelerated literacy, we read "Big Rain Coming" by Katrina Germain and "Mr. Gumpy's Outing" by John Burningham. The students really loved the stories. look forward to sharing their knowledge in class.



Junior Primary Assembly

It was our turn to take assembly two weeks ago. We performed in front of the other students present at Docker River. Elizabeth James, Ursula, Doris and Shaun Abbot enjoyed making masks for the play.

Parents or family are always welcome in our classroom. When parents come and show an interest or offer support, it really makes a positive difference.





Our Classroom Environment

It is important that our classroom is a safe and happy place for children to come to.

That is why we have strong classroom routines encouraging positive ways of thinking like being kind to others and not teasing.

AEW's play an important role and take on small groups and or work with individuals in a positive way. We are grateful for special visitors that come to our classroom to help us also.

Some of these visitors include HIP HOP people, interstate college students, Hearing specialists, Nurses, including dental nurses and other health professionals.

It is an awesome responsibility to instruct our students in the way they should go.

Scruffy's biscuits

Here is an activity that you can try at home to make for your dog. We will be making these as a class.

Ingredients:

2 ½ cups whole wheat flour; ¾ cup nonfat dry milk powder; 1 egg beaten; ½ cup vegetable oil; 2 cubes beef bouillon cube; 2 tablespoons brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Lightly grease one cookie sheet.
2. Dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water and allow to cool.
3. Combine the flour, dry milk, egg, oil, beefbroth and brown sugar. Mix well and knead dough for 1 minute.
4. On a floured surface roll out dough to about ¼ inch thickness. Cut out bones and place on cookie sheet.
5. Bake for 30 minutes and allow to cool.



Making Progress

Progress in learning

It has been great to see individuals make significant progress in learning. One student started in school this year and because of her special needs used to hide under the table. This student is now participating with others for most of the day and responds actively in most literacy activities.



Progress for individual students

Students in our class have been learning to recognize a limited amount of sight words across the curriculum and while this is only the beginning they are quickly catching on to how words are made of letters. Recently students are learning to recognize three letter words in our Bingo games that are unfamiliar to them.



Making progress in the classroom

Following an activity, students then come to the circle where they receive a sticker for their work. We start each session with a song which helps us remember how to behave in class. When students complete a whammie sheet they receive an ice stick which accumulates to a reward. This progress is charted.



Progress in workbooks

Students have made a marked progress in taking real pride and care in the presentation of their work. Through checking work teachers can monitor student progress accurately. It is great to see student becoming more and more confident in their written and oral responses.



On our Nature Walk

Some wonderful plants that we have found in the vicinity include desert or honey grevillea, known as Kaliny-kalinypa in Pintatjatjara. This is a sweet flower that contains sweet water. We have also found other bush foods such as bush apples and bush tomatoes.

Special thanks to teachers, AEW's and our team of helpers at the school for all your support this term.

God Bless!



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