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VISITORS – MUST CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE
You must have a driver’s license or a military card for identification. This system will then print you a sticker that must be worn while you are on the premises.

“Fall” Into Fun at Shadowbriar

- Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese-October 26, 2023, from 3pm-9pm.
- PTO “Trunk-O-Treat”-October 31st at 1:30pm
- Book Character Parade-October 31st 2:15pm. Dress as a book character. (Must have the book you read with you.) **No scary faces or accessories.**
- PTO Leadership Club-More information to come soon.
- Football Club for 4th and 5th grade students.
- Talent Show coming up-Auditions going on now.
- PAJAMA JAM October 6, 2023
- “Pink Out Day” for Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Book Fair- October 9th-Oct. 13th.

Shadowbriar Bulldogs October Activities

Character Counts Week – October 16-20, 2023
- **Monday**- Team up for good character- Represent your favorite sports team or athlete.
- **Tuesday**- Good character can make you stand out- Wear mixed patterns (i.e. polka dots and stripes; plaid and checkers)
- **Wednesday**- Affirming our character counts- Wear Affirmation/Positive saying shirts.
- **Thursday**- My Character Counts-Dress up like your favorite book or movie character that demonstrates good character.
- **Friday**- Be brave, show good character- Wear your Superhero cape or Tiara.

Red Ribbon Week- October 23-27, 2023
- **Monday**- Kick off Red Ribbon Week, I’m proud to be Drug Free- Wear Red
- **Tuesday**- High Water Pants, Don’t take a chance – Roll up your pants or Wear high water pants.
- **Wednesday**- Loud and Proud about being Drug Free- Wear Neon colors.
- **Thursday**- Socks to your knees, Say no please- Wear crazy socks as high as they will go.
- **Friday**- Don’t let drugs turn you inside out- Tacky day or Wear clothes inside out
Music/Theater: In Music, students will expand on the ability to move to music in a meter of 2, 3 and 4. Students will be exposed to classical Genre pieces that illustrate the module. Students will begin practicing their grade-level song selection to perform.

Library: We will explore the different genres of books via technology and collaboration in groups.

Computer Lab: We are learning about Online Safety and practicing our Keyboarding skills. Ensuring that our scholars are learning the correct way to use technology.

PE: Rhythm, dance, and mindfulness. This unit focuses on movement that teaches rhythmical patterns and performances, such as folk, square aerobic dance, as well as social dancing which will enhance cultural diversity and promote social interaction.

Upcoming Events
- Fall Book Fair - 10/9-10/13
- Talent Show Auditions Oct 2,16 2:30-4:30
- Family Library Night coming in Nov
Classroom Newsletter

October

A Note from the Teacher

The skills we practice daily in PreK are the building blocks for your child’s future success in school and in life.

Reminders

Change of Clothes:
Please send a complete change of clothing and place inside Ziploc bag (shirt, pants, underpants, socks & extra mask).
Please send snack everyday

What We Are Learning

Marvelous Me! Students will learn about the importance of their friends and family. They will learn about members of a family, how families change and grow, and how family members help each other.

Upcoming Events

No School Oct 13th
(Teacher Service Day)
End of Circle Testing Oct 20th

Contact Me

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Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. – Helen Keller
Kindergarten Newsletter
October 2023

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on ClassDojo!

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/2 & 10/16 Talent Show Auditions
10/13 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
10/19 **FIELD TRIP**: Miller Outdoor Theater
10/31 Book Character Parade

MONTHLY TIDBITS

Please make sure students have an extra change of clothes in their backpacks just in case.

Sign up for VIPS!! This allows you to volunteer for field trips & other activities - the earlier you sign up, the better!

A PEAK AT OUR LEARNING

READING: For foundational skills, we are working on letter formations and blending sounds in words. For reading comprehension, we will be studying the five senses, fairytales, and folktales.

MATH: We will be working on counting and representing numbers up to 10.

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES: In Science, we will be learning about the five senses. In Social Studies, we will be learning about rules and laws.
**October News**

**A Note from the Teacher:**
Reading at home is beneficial because it boosts school performance, increases vocabulary and builds good communication skills. Please continue to read for 20 minutes a night.

**Events**
- Parents may join their student for lunch on Fridays. 1st grade lunch time is 11:00-11:10 am.
- Report Cards (October 6th)
- Book Fair (October 9-13)
- No school October 13
- Book Character Parade (October 31)

**Reminders**

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**Learning Focus**

**ELA**
- Informational Text

**Math**
- Place Value
- Comparing Numbers

**Social Studies**
- Understanding Economics

**Science**
- Types of energy (Sound, Thermal, Light)
What Are We Learning?

**Reading:** We will be learning about ancient Greek culture.

**Math:** The students are working on place value up to the thousands place.

**Science:** The students will be learning about energy.

**Social Studies:** The students will be remembering important people and identifying patterns of the world.

Important Dates

- October 7th Outdoor Learning Community Event 8:30-11:30 am
- October 31st Book Character Parade

Contact The Teachers

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Announcements

Dear Parents,

We are here to support you and your scholar, so please let us know how we can help to make the 2023-24 school year, the best year ever! We look forward to working with each of you!

Sincerely,

T. Davis, K. Johnson and R. Smith
Shout out to all the students coming to school everyday and on time. When you are here engaged in class you learn more and when you learn more you perform better. Thank you for putting your best foot forward!!

**Language Arts**
- Literary non-fiction

**Math**
- Intervals of Time • Liquid Volume & Weight
- Solve One-Step Addition & Subtraction Problems

**Social Studies**
- Exploring roles of good citizens • Good decision-making

**Science**
- Mixtures • Energy

**Dates to Remember**
- Oct. 9-13- Book Fair
- Oct. 13- No School
- Oct. 31- Halloween

You can reach us at
- Email
- Dojo
- Talking Points
Reading

Unit 3 - Biographies and Autobiographies
Unit 4 - Drama
Within the genre of drama, students will recognize and explain structures specific to that genre such as character tags and stage directions. Students will explain character interaction and changes and analyze major plot elements while providing evidence to make inferences about basic themes.

Math

Unit 5 - Division Strategies
Students will use strategies and algorithms, including the standard algorithm, to solve whole number division problems.

Unit 6 - Multiplication and Division Problem Solving
Students will solve with fluency one- and two-step multiplication and division problems, including interpreting remainders.

Calendar

October 7th - Outdoor Learning Habitat Community Event

October 26th - School Spirit Night Chucky Cheese

October 31st - Book Character Parade

Social Studies/Science

Science - Unit 4: Energy
In this unit, students will differentiate among the forms of energy.

Social Studies - Unit 3 - concepts of culture, exploration, and settlement as reflected in early Texas history.
5th Grade News

October 2023

Message From The Teachers:

What are we learning this month?

Reading: Literary Nonfiction, Drama
- Text Features & Text Structures
- Figurative Language
- Elements of Drama

Writing (Friday): Standard English Conventions
- Parts of Speech (Verbs, Adverbs, Irregular)

Science: Electricity
- Circuits
- Light Energy

Math: Simplify Numerical Expressions of Whole Numbers, Decimal Multiplication, Decimal Division

Reminders!!!

- Please bring a water bottle and ear buds
- Instruction begins promptly at 7:30am

Contact the Teachers

We can always be contacted by calling the school and leaving a message: (281)368-2120

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