



SCIENCE SCHOOL
AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

September 2009 News

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at the Science School at Museum of Nature & Science. The first week of school went smoothly and the children are adjusting to their classrooms, teachers and classmates. We are glad that you are part of our Science School family and we look forward to exploring, discovering and learning with your children this year.

The children started the year exploring their classrooms, finding the restrooms and drinking fountain, and playground.

Backyard Texas animals and world animals are our focus for the next three weeks before the State Fair and one week after the Fair. The children will discuss different animals that live in Texas, our backyards and in the world. They will be learning about the life cycle of the frog; discussing the similarities and differences between amphibians and reptiles; and looking at replicas of animal tracks. We will also learn about the ocelot's camouflaging fur and why lizards bask in the sun. Some of the children will visit the our Big Backyard and Little Urban Farm in the Children's Museum area, the animal displays in the nature building, and/or walk over to see the birds of prey that will be part of a show at the State Fair. They are located next to the science building in front of the bandshell.

The State Fair starts Friday, September 25. All parents will be issued a drive through drop-off and pick-up pass before the Fair starts. Directions and a map will be issued with the pass. These will be sent home the week the Fair starts. The Fair Park grounds are being prepared for the State Fair, so you might see people setting things up when you come to school. As of Friday, September 18, all gates into the grounds are controlled by the Fair staff but you will not need your pass until September 25.

The first week (Sept. 29-Oct. 2) of the State Fair we will visit different parts of the fair. We will leave each day around 10:30 and return in time for lunch. Parents are welcome to help us each day. If you are interested in helping, call us at 214-428-5555 ext. 1381 or email us at scienceschool@natureandscience.org.

We will go on field trips the second week of the Fair, Oct. 5-9. Information about our trips is emailed. This information tells the sites and prices. Please return the form (even if your child is not attending) and fees by Friday, Sept. 18. Remember to put this in an envelope labeled with field trips and your child's name. Parents bring the children to the field trip site and pick them up there. As always, parents, friends and siblings are welcome to attend.

School is closed the last week of the Fair, Oct. 12-16.

Classrooms A & B sometimes get chilly. Some of the children tell us they are cold. We cannot regulate the temperature of the room, so you may want to send a sweater or something similar for your child to use if she/he gets cold. Please remember to label it.

Lunches: Please send containers that your child can open/close. We are working with them on learning how to do this and we are having a hard time with some of the tops of the containers.

We are also showing the children how to use the “food” scissors to cut the tops of chips, gummy fruits etc. This allows them to do it themselves.

Below are the homeroom teachers for each room. We have been doing a little Spanish in every room but will be starting the rotating Spanish weeks as soon as each class is adjusted. When the teachers start this, Ms. Maria will not be in P unless it is Spanish week. Ms. Doris will take her place in P and Ms. Maria will be in A for beginning circle but will also do Spanish in B. When Ms. Maria is in B, Ms. Cindy or Ms. Carolyn will be in A.

Classroom A: Ms. Doris every day (Ms. Maria – Spanish weeks)

Classroom B: Ms. Barbara every day, Ms. Cindy MWF, Ms. Carolyn T/Th

(Ms. Cindy/ Ms. Carolyn will be in Classroom A when Ms. Maria is in B)

Classroom P: Ms. Maria every day, Ms. Heather MWF, Ms. Cindy T/Th

(Ms. Doris every day non- Spanish weeks)

Extended am teachers: M- Barbara, TWTH- Carolyn, F- Heather

Extended pm teachers: M- Heather, T- Doris, WF- Maria, Th-Barbara

We will be starting up the Scholastic Book Clubs this month. .

Please call us or email us if your child will be absent

Don't forget to clip the boxtops for education. The next **BOX TOP\$ for Education** redemption needs to be sent in October. Please remember to cut these out and send them to school. We are attaching a list of products that have box tops on them. You can also go to BoxTops4Education.com for more information. If you register, our school will get points and you can get some great coupons and recipes. They also have a marketplace with stores such as target.com, barnesandnoble.com, bestbuy.com etc. If you start your online purchases by going through the box tops site, then our school will get points based on your purchases.



Carpool has started. **Please stay in your cars during drop off and pick-up. We will get your child from the car during drop-off and bring your child to the car during pick-up.** Please pull forward as directed by the staff. During pick-up time, after we put your child in the car, please pull out of the circle drive to put on seat belts. We appreciate your patience and help with carpool time as we get the wrinkles smoothed out. Please do not let your child out of the car until one of the staff is by your car to get them out. Carpool starts at 9:25 and the children will go inside as soon as most of the children are here. Usually that is around 9:30, but no later than 9:35. We do afternoon carpool at 1:00, 3:00 (for kindergarten only) and 5:15-5:25 for pm care.

Please remember to **label everything** with your child's name. This includes jackets, lunch boxes, utensils, cups, etc. Also, please leave toys, books etc. at home unless we ask the children to bring them.

The next monthly tuition payment is due on October 1. You may mail checks or give them to a staff member during carpool in an envelope and labeled with tuition payment and your child's name.

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