



CALENDAR:

September 5 th	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
September 17 th	Constitution Day
September 30 th	Ms. Buell's classes: "Show What You Know" Program AM Class: 8:30 am sharp PM Class: 12:00 sharp Ms. Saguilan's class: "Show What You Know" Program Full Day Class: 8:30 am sharp
October 3 rd	Reading University Logs due to teacher
October 7 th	Elementary Grading: EARLY DISMISSAL -Only AM & Full Day attend 8:30 – 11:30 (NO PM SESSION)
October 12 th	Professional Development EARLY DISMISSAL -Only PM & Full Day attend 8:30 – 11:30 (NO AM SESSION)
October 13 th	ELC Picture Day
October 14 th	End of Term 1 (report cards out)
October 17 th -21	Fall Break
October 24 th	Beginning of Term 2
October 28 th	Ms. Buell's classes: "Show What You Know" Program AM Class: 8:30 am sharp PM Class: 12:00 sharp Ms. Saguilan's class: "Show What You Know" Program Full Day Class: 8:30 am sharp

Hello American Prep Families!

It has been a wonderful first week at the ELC! Your children have shown great excitement to learn and start their incredible APA journey. It has been a joy to see them come through our main doors ready to show off their backpacks, sharp looking uniforms and most importantly their bigger-than-life smiles! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this incredible experience with you and with them.

BUILDER THEME SEPTEMBER BUILDER THEME: "BUILDING WITH ENTHUSIASM":

The Builder's Theme is reinforced by our "Builders Song" (K. Woodcox, 2004) and the "Builders" poem. Each student and staff member memorizes this poem and recites it at school events and in the classroom. It is also promoted through monthly "Builders Mottos" and "Builders Awards" that are presented to students and staff. We ask all members of the American Preparatory community to conduct themselves as builders by asking themselves this question: "What would be builder behavior?" Keeping the standard of behavior that of a "builder", makes it easy to know how to conduct oneself and promotes a positive place for learning.

Teachers will be looking for students that exemplify our Builder Behavior. These students will be acknowledged during class and presented with a Builder's Award at the end of each month.

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK:

The parent student handbook was available at the parent orientation last night. If you were unable to attend you are welcome to come into the ELC and retrieve a copy. You can also find reference to the handbook on the American Preparatory Academy website at <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. We ask that you read the handbook thoroughly. We hope you find this information beneficial and a source of reference.

PARENT ORIENTATION POWER POINT:

For those parents who were unable to attend our parent orientation yesterday, we have attached a copy of the power point that will allow you to view the material discussed in that meeting.

READING UNIVERSITY...WE LOVE TO READ!!

We love having our students being read to and interacting with books as much as possible! Studies have shown that students learn vocabulary, factual knowledge, and a love of reading by frequently being read to. If you would like further information on which books on the K reading university list please go to americanprep.org, click on ELC, view book list, kindergarten.

Next week our students will receive their first set of library books. Ms. Saguilan's Full day kindergarten class will have their library checkout day on Monday and Thursday. Ms. Buell's checkout day will be Wednesday. Each week our students will check in their previous library books and receive two new library books for the week

UNIFORMS:

For any uniform questions, please refer to our website at www.americanprep.org This provides current uniform information. We are also excited to announce our Spirit wear day every Friday! You can find these guidelines online as well.



FRONT OFFICE PROCEDURES

If your child is absent, please call the front office (801-797-0069) to let us know. If your student is planning on being out of town, fill out the absent request form from the front office. Your student's teacher will need to be notified as well.

CARPOOL

Thank you for helping our carpool run safe and efficiently. This includes all car following our designated car pool route and refraining from parking your car and walking your student to the door.

- Please have your carpool tag hanging on your rearview mirror at both DROP OFF & PICK UP. This helps D1 carpool staff to know where to direct you.
- Please do not turn left into the ELC parking lot. Continue to proceed to the full carpool route.
- AM DROP-OFF: Doors will open as early as 8:00 am. At 8:25 all staff members will be in the classroom and not available to assist your student out of the car.
- AM PICK-UP: Release time is at 11:30 am. Please pick up your student by 11:40.
- PM DROP-OFF: Drop off no earlier than 11:45 so we can accommodate our AM students that are going home.
- PM PICK-UP: Release time is 3:00 pm. Please pick up your student by 3:10 pm

ZEE MAPS:

Below is the links for Draper 1/ELC ZeeMap. This reference is for families that are looking to carpool with other families. The 'Form A Carpool' link in Skyward has been updated for each campus. In re-registration and new student enrollment for this year there was an opt-in box for families, so if a family said no then their information is not listed on the maps.

Draper 1 <https://j.mp/3Ab19Ne>

QUICK REMINDERS:

Please place your students name on backpacks, coats and sweaters.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Our Show What You Know event is once a month. This event allows us to show off our exceptional kindergarten students. It gives them the opportunity to "show what they know" and perform songs, recite poems, etc. for their families. Our short program will start promptly on time and will last approx. 10 mins. Please see our dates on the google calendar. We'd love to see all our wonderful parents!

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Our parent surveys consistently express confidence and overwhelming satisfaction with our teachers at American Prep. In accordance with state regulation, all APA teachers are licensed through one of three licensing paths: Professional, Associates and LEA specific. Parents are welcome at any time to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including: 1) whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction or whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 2) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 3) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

DISTRICT PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY:

American Prep recognizes that parent and family engagement is key to student achievement. We provide many opportunities for parents and family members to participate in, and stay informed of, their student's academic achievement. American Preparatory Academy trains staff annually during pre-service and teacher academy on how to communicate, build meaningful connections, and otherwise involve parents/families and the school. These topics are reinforced during professional development opportunities throughout the year as needed. Additional details regarding Parent and Family Engagement are available in the annual Parent-Student Handbooks (PSHB) which are distributed annually, posted on the school websites, and available in Spanish at our West Valley campuses. For the full District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please refer to this link on the Policy page of the americanprep.org website.



SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICIES:

School Parent Involvement Policies vary slightly by campus and are located within the Parent-Student Handbooks <https://www.americanprep.org/parent-student-handbooks/>. These Handbooks are distributed annually to parents and are now accessible on the APA website under the Parent Library drop-down tab. West Valley Parent-Student Handbooks will be available in Spanish.

MANDATED ASSESSMENTS AND OPT-OUTS:

American Preparatory recognizes that Standardized Testing is an essential tool for measuring student learning and teacher success. The data obtained from these assessments may be utilized by teachers and administrators to review student academic progress, plan instruction, and share with students and parents. Summative assessments allow for data to be used in public reporting about school quality. Parent's may opt-out of most state standardized tests by submitting a Parental Exclusion form to the Academic Director.

KINDERGARTEN CORNER: (Sayings from our very own Kindergarten students)

1. Student getting out of the car to come to school: "I'm 100 excited"
2. Student adding 13+1: "I can't do that , I don't have 13 fingers!"

We welcome any questions or concerns you might have. Please feel free to contact myself or the front office at 801-797-0069. We are looking forward a fabulous 2021-22 school year and serving our incredible kindergarten families.

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