

# DIAMONDBACKS

## SEPTEMBER UPDATE

### Dear Parents,

September is here! To begin the school year, our group welcomed several new friends into the classroom and it was so much fun getting to know everyone! We've been busy and now look forward to everything this coming month brings with it! Our fall camping trip has been officially booked and the students have started their preparations. If you have not yet signed the permission slip, please return it at your earliest convenience.



During the first few weeks of school, the class formed several small groups to take on a Design an Island ice breaker and the results were a delightful mix of ideas in story and illustration form. We displayed the work in the classroom as each project came to completion and then each group presented their finished product. Several research groups took shape and lots of lesson follow up could be found in all areas of our learning, including small group collaborations for español lessons from Ms.Mia!



We heard the five Great Stories as well as How Geometry Got Its Name. The children also started learning about US Government and History with our Timeline, card, and story materials. Other fun lessons during the month of August included Ways of Combining, States of Matter, Two Movements of the Earth, Earth in Relation to the Sun, The Story of Plants, Animal Question and Answer Game, Fundamental Human Needs for Research, The Black Strip, Divisibility, Complementary, Supplementary, and Linear Pair Angles, Using Tools of Geometry for Design, and Rhythm Clapping with 4 Beats. We learned several songs including Flea, Don't Throw Your Trash in My Backyard, and our latest, Don Gato.



- Other Dates to Remember:
- Sept 1, Picture Day Makeup
  - Sept 4, No school, Labor Day
  - Sept 6, Community and Classroom Meeting, 6pm
  - Sept 13, Vision & Hearing screening
  - Sept 14, Early Release, staff development
  - Sept 15, No School, staff development
  - Sept 19 - 21, Camping Trip

*During August we celebrated birthdays for Temperance and Tom! This month we will be celebrating Dylan (9/16), Ella (9/18) and Elena (9/20)!*