



## **Pekin Parent Club Minutes**

**Date: April 25, 2024**

**Members in Attendance:** Cleo Sisco, Ashlee Thornton, Summer Barnes, Isaac Barnes, Michelle Rogers

**Staff in Attendance:** Lindsey Markle, Debbie, O'Shaughnessy, Kim Severns

**Adults Dinner:** La 'Festa-Taco Bar and a special Popcorn Bar. Each parent got to fill a bag with Popcorn from any of the three flavors provided.

**Childrens Dinner:** La' Festa-Cheese Quesadillas,' fruit, juice, and a special snack a Sherbert Push Up

**Minutes:** Ms. Kim updated everyone on events happening with Tazewell-Woodford Head Start. She also reminded them of the Pekin Community Fair coming up on May 2nd in the Pekin gym. She also asked that parents be on the lookout for Parent Teacher Conference slips or Learning Genie messages about Parent Teacher Conferences. She kindly asked that parents schedule their visits and keep their appointments, as this year teacher also must back and move before summer break starts. They talked about the upcoming move to our new location. Parents asked if they would be able to volunteer and help us move. Ms. Kim did not think that would be an issue. She would check and send a message on LG to the parents that asked. Parents also discussed free or reduced cost family activities that are available through the pekin and neighboring communities.

Parents voted and decided for the end of the year they would like the kids to watch a movie with popcorn and juice. They would also like to provide a healthy popsicle for each student as a special treat. Ms. Kim will have them at the school by Monday and then each Teacher can have their' s anytime throughout the week.

### **Classroom Updates:**

**Debbie/Alexus-**For the remainder of the school year, we will be learning about Pond Life and the life cycle of the butterflies we are hatching in our classroom.

We hope to spend some extra time enjoying the warmer weather outdoors with some fun activities.

For our end of the year field trip, we will be visiting the Peoria Playhouse Museum on Thurs. May 16<sup>th</sup>. All parents are welcome to join us for a day of fun.

**Becka/Amber**-We are wrapping up Earth Day and how we keep our Earth clean. We will begin exploring buildings. We will build it with different materials, to see what works best. We will discuss why buildings are important and their benefits to us.

We will be having an end of the year party to celebrate the school year ending.

**Lynel/Becky**- Hi everyone! We have been doing our final assessments and documentation in the classroom. We have been learning about our earth and how to help keep it clean and beautiful. We cannot wait to get outside and do some fun activities, like flying kites, throwing our foam airplanes, and blowing bubbles. We will be ending our year with a study about farms and a unit on Pete the Cat and just some fun activities.

**Kristi/Alexis**- This class is learning about everything Spring and Summer.

\*Bugs \*Weather \*Planting seeds and taking care of them \*Flowers \*Yoga poses \*Watching Caterpillars Turn into Butterflies

**Educational Make it, take it:** This month for Make it, take it we made Pinwheel Flowers. Each parent got to pick out a flower and a pinwheel. They took flower tape and taped the flower onto the bottom of the pinwheel. The purpose of this is to smell the flower (take a deep breath in) and blow the pinwheel (blow it out through your mouth). It is a great technique to use to get a child to calm down quickly. For the child it is fun, and they do not realize they are calming their body down so you can then talk about why they are so upset. We had pre-made a visual chart for each family also that said, "When I feel.... I can... Then I will.... Each square had five visual pictures that the child can pick to explain "When I feel... they place a how they are feeling card, I can... they place a breathing card, Then I will...they place how they want to feel."

**Educational Hand Out:** Informational Hand-outs about water safety were also distributed to each family. Safe Kids Worldwide provide fliers about water safety for kids ages 1-14 and also a water safety checklist for caregivers. Additional water safety tips and checklists can be found on their website.

Ms. Kim Thanked all the parents for their time this year and all the great idea's they produced. She will be available all summer. If they need anything, please call. She ended the night by giving each person a special gift that Thanked them for helping change a child's life.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:00**