



Pekin Parent Club Minutes October 17th, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Parents/Guardians- Michelle Rogers, Cleo Sisco, Miranda Ehrat, Desiree Pfeiffer, Brody Owens, Tammy VanDusen, Austin VanDusen, Isaac Barnes, Summer Barnes

Staff- Morgan Edenburn, Kaeli Harkleroad, Lindsey Markle

Guest Speaker- Lindsey Nance- Tazwood Community Services

Dinner: Pizza, breadsticks, salad, cookies

Minutes: Lindsey Nance presented on programs that Tazwood Community Services has to offer the community. She reviewed what programs they offer and what the qualifications are: 30 days income, SS cards for everyone who lives at the residence, proof of address, ID with your picture on it. Lindsey also informed parents that they can call for an appointment or go to their website and schedule their own appointment. If you have a disconnect notice you can walk in, and they will try to fit you in that day if not the next day. She also informed parents if they received energy assistance last year, they should notice a discount on your Ameren bill this year. A sample of an Ameren bill was passed out to show parents where this discount could be found. Families received a handout that also listed all the programs that are offered. Lindsey also stated that their website is good for information about the organization and to apply for appointments, but their Facebook page is where they will find announcements such as call-in dates for programs. Parents discussed several different parent activities that interested them and decided on doing a doughnut activity before Thanksgiving. As a group we discussed the following ideas for Christmas gifts for the children: board games, hot chocolate & popcorn, Puzzles, and Squishmellows. Everyone will keep an eye out for deals on these items and at our next meeting we will decide if we want these or if any new ideas come about.

Upcoming Events: Oct 21st, Oct 28th & Nov 4th Positive Solution Classes
Oct 22nd Policy Council@ Family Center
Oct 24th All Treats, No Tricks Community Event 6-7pm
October 25th No School Professional Development Day
Oct 28th & 29th – No School- Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Nov 5th No School Election Day

Nov 11th No School Veterans Day

Teacher Updates:

Lynel/Becky- We have been assessing the children to get ready for the parent teacher conferences. We sent a note home for parents to sign up for a time. In the classroom we have been learning about fire prevention and what to do in fire emergencies. We sent some at home activities home with your child for you to work on with them. They really enjoyed doing this unit. We also did a unit on the Three Pigs; they were able to act the story out using masks. They also retold the story individually. They had a lot of fun with this unit as well. This week we are working on numbers and letters as a focus. Next week we are going to study pumpkins and do some fun pumpkin activities including cutting a pumpkin open to see what's inside and we will be using descriptive words to describe what it looks like and feels like.

Erin/Kaeli- This October has gone by so quickly; it is hard to believe it is almost time to jump into Halloween! We have spent October learning all about what comes with the fall season! We got to taste test different apples and vote on which we liked best! We started observing how the leaves change colors with the season and made some leaf rubbing drawings. The kids love to hunt for half green half orange leaves, and it fascinates them every time we find one mid color change. They have collected every leaf, pinecone, and twig we possibly could these last few weeks. We are gearing up for parent teacher conferences by making some art pieces to go home at the conference! We can't wait for November to start talking about yummy food we share with our families, and before we know it, we will be learning about the snow outside!

Beka/Amber- We just finished investigating apples, the children loved to see the apple volcano and tasting different colored apples. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring pumpkins, and everything Fall. We have been and will continue working on building friendships and problem solving. We are working on earning a spider party by being safe, kind and a team, we must earn 8 legs before we can have the party. We are also working on identifying number 1 to 6 and counting to 6.

Debbie/Morgan- For the remainder of the month, we will continue to learn about Fall things, such as weather, what animals do to prepare for Winter and leaves. We will be working on math skills using leaves and acorns. We have also been continuing to work on problem solving and using appropriate words and actions to help settle social conflicts. Soon, we will be sending home the materials for you to work with your child on creating a Fall Counting Book. With November approaching, we will also begin to think about what it means to be thankful and all that we are thankful for at home and school.

Door Prize Winner- Austin VanDusen- pumpkin, stencils, carving utensils

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 14th @ 5:30PM

Dinner Suggestion for Next Meeting: BC BBQ

Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 P.M