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# ECE Bradley International School Newsletter

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## Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy:** We have begun “Signing In” and writing our names while identifying the letters in *our* names as well as the names of our friends.
- **Skills:** Know that your child is in a warm, safe and nurturing environment. Often, this is a child’s first experience in a classroom environment. It takes a bit of time and adjustment for young children to feel comfortable and begin interacting with one another; and they have made many new friends. We know you will be pleasantly surprised with their growth (physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally) over the course of the year!
- **Math:** We began writing our numbers 1-5 over the past few weeks. Several students are making good progress on number writing and identification. It is a new and exciting experience as the students begin to learn their numbers. We will begin working in small groups working on various sorting and counting activities. We have also begun talking about patterns during the last couple of weeks. We start with an AB pattern (example: yellow/red/yellow/red), and continue to expand the complexity over time.
- **PYP:** We have begun working on our first IB/PYP Planner. It is “*I Am Special.*” We are discussing how we are the same and different, through exploration, sharing and graphing. Some of the learning experiences are: Body tracings, gathering information about each other (favorite foods, colors, hair and eye color, etc.) The students have a great time working on this Planner and learning more about themselves and their friends! Thank you for cutting out your child’s body tracing. Please take a look at them in the halls outside of the classrooms!



## How to Support At Home

- Encourage your child to sort and count at home using pretzels, mini-marshmallows, cheerios (or other edibles). Make a healthy snack and then ask your child to sort the items. Encourage them to count the number of each type of food they have. Afterwards they can re-mix the items and have a healthy snack!



## Other Announcements

- None at this time



## Dates to Remember for ECE

- **No ECE on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** due to ECE Professional Development.
- **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-8 PM** is the first ECE Potluck & Parent Meeting. Please bring enough food for 12-15 people, and serving utensils. We will meet in the lunchroom @ 6PM.
- **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day.**
- **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM** will be Parent/Teacher Conferences. More information will be sent home soon.
- **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Fall Break. NO SCHOOL.**