

Wildcat News

Joseph Zito Elementary Monthly Newsletter



ZITO NEWS

Dear Families,

It has been a great February. We appreciated seeing all the families for our parent teacher conferences. Thank you for supporting your children in their ongoing learning. We are excited for the plentiful events to come.

March is a busy and exciting month at Zito! Please review the important dates below.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support!

Ms. Couret,
Joseph Zito Principal

Important Dates / Fechas Importantes

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March 4 – Student Council Visit to the Arizona State Capitol
Student Council members will visit the State Capitol to learn about our government.

March 5 – Raising Cane's Fundraiser (12:00–7:00 PM)
Location: 1525 N. 51st Ave. A portion of sales will support our school.

March 6 – Report Cards Sent Home & 4th Grade Bike Rodeo
Please review your child's report card. Fourth grade students will participate in a Bike Rodeo to practice bike safety.

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March 17 – Operation School Bell -Selected students will receive support with school uniforms.

March 20 – Awards Assemblies: Assembly times will be announced on ClassDojo.

March 25 – Coffee with the Principal (2:00 PM): Sneak preview of Disney Musicals in Schools.

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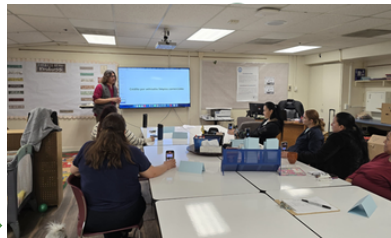
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Parent Educator Corner



Ms. Correa our Parent Educator shares some photos from a recent class about Taxes. Parents also came together to share and enjoy the Valentines festivities in February.



Below you will find our Parent Educator Calendar of Events for March! Please join us for an upcoming class!

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Supporting Your Child's Learning Journey

As we move into the coming months, it's beneficial to encourage your child to complete their homework and practice reading. When parents engage daily with their child's reading or assist with skill-building activities, it greatly enhances their learning experience as they enter the classroom each day. Some skills resonate and contribute to their sense of achievement in school.

Your ongoing support is essential for their educational growth. If your child can read, motivate them to read aloud each night or to work on their I-Ready My Path lessons at home. Set aside some time for your child to read to you, so you can assist with any challenging words they may encounter. We truly value parental involvement and appreciate all the efforts you are making to help your child succeed.

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5. DISCUSS WHAT YOU READ: ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE TEXT AFTER READING. ASK QUESTIONS TO CHECK COMPREHENSION AND ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING.
6. PLAY READING GAMES: INCORPORATE FUN GAMES LIKE WORD HUNTS, SIGHT WORD BINGO, OR CHARADES USING BOOK CHARACTERS TO MAKE READING PRACTICE ENJOYABLE.
7. SET GOALS AND PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT: HELP YOUR CHILD SET ACHIEVABLE GOALS FOR READING FLUENCY IMPROVEMENT. CELEBRATE MILESTONES AND OFFER PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT ALONG THE WAY.
8. USE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS: EXPLORE EDUCATIONAL APPS OR WEBSITES THAT OFFER INTERACTIVE READING ACTIVITIES AND FLUENCY PRACTICE EXERCISES.
9. CREATE A READING-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT: DESIGNATE A COZY READING NOOK WITH GOOD LIGHTING AND COMFORTABLE SEATING TO MAKE READING A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.
10. MODEL READING: BE A ROLE MODEL BY DEMONSTRATING YOUR OWN LOVE FOR READING. LET YOUR CHILD SEE YOU READING BOOKS OR ARTICLES REGULARLY.

BY INCORPORATING THESE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR CHILD'S DAILY ROUTINE AT HOME, YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THEIR READING FLUENCY SKILLS WHILE NURTURING A LIFELONG LOVE FOR READING.

Good News!

What a great way to boost morale at Zito! Sharing good news, big or small, builds a stronger community. Whether it's a student's success or a personal milestone, these stories inspire and connect us all. Share your good news through the link to spread positivity and motivation! Click on this speech bubble to submit your stories!



1st Grade Cooks!

Wow, way to go first grade. This past month Mrs. Rich's class was able to do a special activity brought to them by the Blue Watermelon project. Students learned how to make special recipe using items from the garden. What an amazing time students had learning how make Rajas con Crema. See the recipe below for more details.





Chef in the Garden Student Education Sheet

Rajas con Crema

Makes 8 servings

Ingredients

- 2 medium sweet onions
- 6-8 roasted poblano peppers
- 1 cup Oaxaca crema (can substitute creme fraiche or sour cream)
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt, to taste
- 8-10 tostadas

Equipment

- Cutting boards
- Knives
- Oven or toaster oven
- Baking sheet
- Stovetop or burner
- Sautee pan
- Bowl
- Plastic wrap

Allergens & preferences:



Instructions

1. Place poblano peppers on baking sheet in the oven at 400 degrees. Flip peppers after 10 minutes and let bake for an additional 10 minutes until the peppers are soft and the skin is charred.
2. While peppers are cooking, prepare the onion. Cut off ends and cut in half. Peel off outer skin and cut into 1/4" strips (rajas). Smash garlic clove and peel off outer layer. Chop into small pieces.
3. After peppers have been cooking for 20 minutes, remove from oven and transfer to a bowl. Cover with plastic wrap for a minimum of 10 minutes to allow steam to continue softening skin for easy peeling.
4. Remove peppers from bowl and carefully cut slit in one side of the pepper. Don't cut completely in half! Carefully pull off the stem and use back of knife to gently scrape out seeds. Flip pepper over and use fingers to slowly, carefully peel off skin. If needed, can gently use knife to help with this part.
5. Stack poblanos together and cut into strips (rajas).
6. Add olive oil to pan. Add in onion and cook on med/low for 3-5 minutes, or until onions are translucent and golden. Push onion to edges of pan to create hole in the middle. Add more olive oil and add in minced garlic. Mix all together.
7. Add in poblano strips. Mix together. Cook for 1-2 additional minutes.
8. Add crema. Continue to cook at medium heat for about 2 minutes, until the mixture turns a golden brown. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed.
9. Serve on a tostada or in a small bowl with tostada chips and enjoy!



Meet this Month's Chef: Erick Pineda

Chef Erick Pineda was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. His family immigrated to the United States in the mid 80s from Guerrero, Mexico. A lifelong musician and artist, he developed a newfound interest in cooking over a decade ago and began to learn the food from his culture. His restaurant, Requinto, is a way for him to share his love and passion for food with everyone.

Bio provided by Chef Erick Pineda

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Estimadas familias,

Ha sido un febrero fantástico. Agradecemos haber visto a todas las familias en nuestras reuniones de padres y maestros. Gracias por apoyar a sus hijos en su aprendizaje continuo. Estamos entusiasmados por los numerosos eventos que se avecinan. Al comenzar los próximos meses, nos entusiasma ver...

¡Marzo es un mes muy ocupado y emocionante en Zito! Por favor, revisen las fechas importantes a continuación.

Gracias por su apoyo y colaboración.
Sra. Couret, Directora

Fechas Importantes

2 de marzo – Fotos de Primavera (No se requieren uniformes) Los estudiantes pueden usar ropa normal el día de las fotos.

4 de marzo – Visita del Consejo Estudiantil al Capitolio Estatal de Arizona
Los miembros del Consejo Estudiantil visitarán el Capitolio Estatal para conocer nuestro gobierno.

5 de marzo – Recaudación de fondos "Raising Cane" (12:00–7:00 p. m.)
Ubicación: 1525 N. 51st Ave. Una parte de las ventas se destinará a nuestra escuela.

6 de marzo – Envío de boletas de calificaciones a casa y rodeo de bicicletas de 4.º grado
Por favor, revise la boleta de calificaciones de su hijo/a. Los estudiantes de 4.º grado participarán en un rodeo de bicicletas para practicar la seguridad al andar en bicicleta.

9 al 13 de marzo – Vacaciones de primavera (No hay clases) ¡Disfruten de tiempo en familia!

17 de marzo – Operación Timbre Escolar - Algunos estudiantes recibirán apoyo con uniformes escolares.

20 de marzo – Asambleas de Premios: Los horarios de las asambleas se anunciarán en ClassDojo. 25 de marzo – Café con la directora (14:00): Adelanto de los musicales de Disney en las escuelas.

26 de marzo – Día de limpieza del huerto escolar: Se invita a las familias a ayudar a limpiar y cuidar el huerto escolar.

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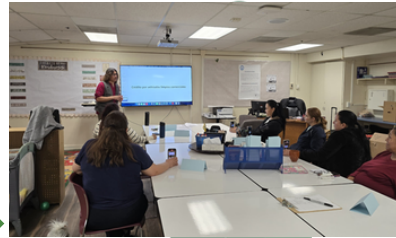
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Rincón del educador de padres



La Sra. Correa, nuestra Educadora de Padres, comparte algunas fotos de una clase reciente sobre Impuestos. Los padres también se reunieron para compartir y disfrutar de las festividades de San Valentín en febrero.



A continuación encontrará nuestro Calendario de Eventos para Padres Educadores de marzo. ¡Acompáñenos en nuestra próxima clase!



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¡Cocineros de 1er grado!

¡Qué bien hecho, primer grado! El mes pasado, la clase de la Sra. Rich realizó una actividad especial que les ofreció el proyecto Sandía Azul. Los alumnos aprendieron a preparar una receta especial con ingredientes del huerto. ¡Qué bien lo pasaron aprendiendo a hacer Rajas con Crema! Vean la receta a continuación para más detalles.





Hoja educativa para estudiantes de Chef en el Jardín

Rajas con Crema

Rinde 8 porciones

Ingredientes

- 2 cebollas dulces medianas
- 6-8 chiles poblanos asados
- 1 taza de crema de Oaxaca (se puede sustituir por crème fraîche o crema agria)
- 1 diente de ajo
- 1 cucharada de aceite de oliva
- Sal al gusto
- 8-10 tostadas

Lista de equipos

- Tablas de cortar
- Cuchillos
- Horno o tostadora
- Sartén
- Estufa o quemador
- Bandeja para hornear
- Tazón
- Papel film

Alérgenos y preferencias:



Instrucciones

1. Coloque los chiles poblanos en una bandeja para hornear en el horno a 200 °C. Voltee los chiles después de 10 minutos y hornee por otros 10 minutos, hasta que estén suaves y la piel esté ligeramente quemada.
2. Mientras se cocinan los chiles, prepare la cebolla. Corte los extremos y córtela por la mitad. Pele la capa exterior y córtela en tiras de ¼ de pulgada (rajas). Machaque el diente de ajo y pélelo. Píquelo en trozos pequeños.
3. Después de que los chiles se hayan cocinado durante 20 minutos, sáquelos del horno y transféralos a un tazón. Cúbralos con papel film durante al menos 10 minutos para que el vapor continúe ablandando la piel y sea más fácil pelarlos.
4. Saque los chiles del tazón y con cuidado haga un corte en un lado. ¡No los corte completamente por la mitad! Retire con cuidado el tallo y use el dorso del cuchillo para raspar suavemente las semillas. Voltee el chile y con los dedos, pele la piel con cuidado. Si es necesario, puede usar el cuchillo suavemente para ayudar.
5. Apile los chiles poblanos y córtelos en tiras (rajas).
6. Agregue aceite de oliva a una sartén. Agregue la cebolla y cocine a fuego medio-bajo durante 3-5 minutos, o hasta que esté transparente y dorada. Mueva la cebolla hacia los bordes de la sartén para crear un espacio en el centro. Agregue más aceite de oliva y el ajo picado. Mezcle todo.
7. Agregue las tiras de chile poblano. Mezcle. Cocine por 1-2 minutos más.
8. Agregue la crema. Continúe cocinando a fuego medio durante unos 2 minutos, hasta que la mezcla adquiera un color marrón dorado. Pruebe y ajuste la sazón si es necesario.
9. Sirva sobre una tostada o en un tazón pequeño con totopos y ¡disfrute!



Conoce a la chef del mes: Erick Pineda

Chef Erick Pineda nació y creció en Phoenix, Arizona. Su familia emigró a Estados Unidos a mediados de la década de 1980 desde Guerrero, México. Músico y artista de toda la vida, hace más de una década descubrió su pasión por la cocina y comenzó a aprender sobre la gastronomía de su cultura. Su restaurante, Requito, es una forma de compartir su amor y pasión por la comida con todos. *Biografía proporcionada por el chef Eric*

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2. PROVIDE A VARIETY OF READING MATERIALS: OFFER A RANGE OF BOOKS, MAGAZINES, COMICS, OR ONLINE ARTICLES THAT MATCH YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS AND READING LEVEL. ENCOURAGE THEM TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY ENJOY.
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A medida que avanzamos en los próximos meses, es beneficioso animar a su hijo a completar sus tareas y practicar la lectura. Cuando los padres participan diariamente con la lectura de su hijo o lo ayudan con actividades de desarrollo de habilidades, su experiencia de aprendizaje mejora enormemente al entrar al aula cada día. Algunas habilidades repercuten en su bienestar y contribuyen a su sensación de logro escolar.

Su apoyo continuo es esencial para su crecimiento educativo. Si su hijo sabe leer, móvelo a leer en voz alta cada noche o a trabajar en sus lecciones de I-Ready My Path en casa. Reserve un tiempo para que su hijo le lea, así podrá ayudarlo con las palabras difíciles que pueda encontrar. Valoramos mucho la participación de los padres y agradecemos todo el esfuerzo que hacen para que su hijo tenga éxito.

¡Albricias!

Qué gran manera de animar a Zito! Compartir buenas noticias, grandes o pequeñas, fortalece la comunidad. Ya sea el éxito de un estudiante o un logro personal, estas historias nos inspiran y conectan a todos. Comparte tus buenas noticias a través del enlace para difundir positividad y motivación! Haz clic en este globo de diálogo para enviar tus historias!

