

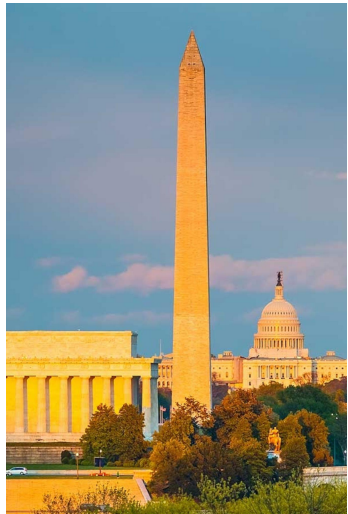
# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

## PRE-K PINEAPPLES AND KIWIS



# ABOUT SARA J

- Born and raised in Washington, D.C
- I am a big Nationals baseball fan
- I love to read!
- I spend my evenings with friends, family, or babysitting
- I have a Master's degree in general education and early childhood special education from JMU
- This is my 4th year teaching at Nottingham



# ABOUT ALISHA



- Moved to DC for law school and used to practice special education law
- My husband Cameron and I have two sons, Levi is 17 and Xavier is 12.
- I love to be physically active - running, weight lifting, indoor biking, to read and cook

# APS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- Everyone is given a lesson on the AUP before given their iPad
- The AUP is signed by both adults & students
- iPads are for learning only!
- Fees may incur for iPad damage
- Digital Citizenship is a team effort
- Lessons will be taught throughout the year
- Common Sense Media is our primary resource

Scan for more tech info!



# SEESAW

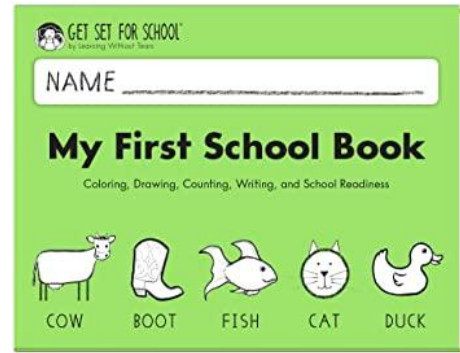


Create your family seesaw login!

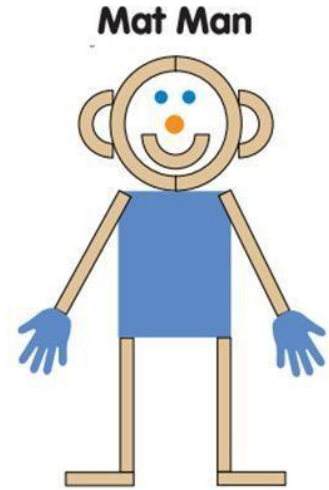
- We have invited families via email to our Seesaw class. If you are accessing on a mobile device, download the app.
- Families can access their child's journal, and see updates from their day for individual feedback.
- We will try to update these 2-3 times per week.

# LITERACY CURRICULUM

OWLs: Opening the World of Learning. Where we get most of the books we read to the class.



Letter of the Day:  
Alphabetical order



Learning Without Tears: Pre-Kindergarten handwriting curriculum based on forming big lines, little lines, big curves and little curves.

-Mat Man!

Lexia: Literacy program on the iPad.  
Letter recognition, rhyming,  
categorizing, etc.

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness:  
isolate sounds, manipulate  
sounds, blend and segment  
the sounds into spoken and  
written words

# MATH CURRICULUM

## Everyday Math:

- Emphasizes small numbers
- Develops math in the context of daily games, word plays, and discussions
- Making predictions, looking for patterns, seeing similarities and differences in things

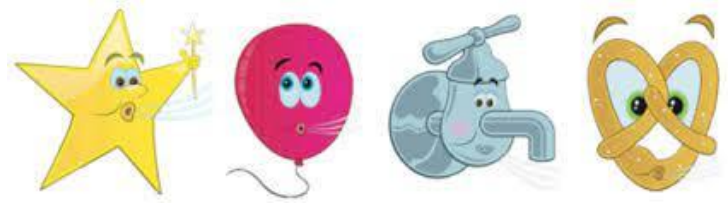


## Numbers Plus:

Pre-Kindergarten Math curriculum based on: measurement, data analysis, algebra, number sense and operations, and geometry



# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



Conscious Discipline: Social emotional learning and classroom management with a foundation in safety, connection, and problem solving. We create a classroom community and focus on feeling safe in school.

- Breathing methods
- Safe space
- Feelings chart
- “You’re safe”





# TESTING

- Literacy 3 times a year
- Math and CBRS (child behavior rating scale- social emotional) twice a year
- Progress reports twice a year (January and June)



Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening

# GOING TO BE ABSENT?

- [Nottingham.attendance@apsva.us](mailto:Nottingham.attendance@apsva.us)
- And CC us please!

# COMMUNICATION



-Updates will be posted to Seesaw 2-3 times a week.

-If you would like to chat on the phone, send me an email and we can set up a time.

-We'll have conferences 2 times this year (October and March).



# COMMUNICATION CONTINUED...

-Expect email responses  
8am-5pm on weekdays

-If urgent and need us to  
see during the school day,  
email AND text us!!

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number)