

ELEMENTARY 1 – DELTA

One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child.

Maria Montessori.

Dear Parents,

Welcome new and returning Delta E1 families. We've had a great start to our first few weeks of school. It may seem overwhelming at first, but I hope after a couple more weeks, we will be in a rhythm and flow to our school days.

Some of you expressed interest in math internet links for at-home math practice, as well as geography. Here are a few I've found and used:

<http://www.ixl.com/math/grades> (Choose your grade level)

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com> (Click on the "Math Games" link at the top)

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/European_Geography.htm

Same link as above, only this goes directly to a continent; great for 3rd year students doing continent research.

<http://www.seterra.net/> (This geography program downloads to your computer. It's challenging but fun!)

Also, Delta Mom, Jenni West, offers www.spellingcity.com as a wonderful resource for spelling activities!

Latin:

Children are learning numbers 1 through 10. We'll be learning two per week. Here are the pronunciations if you care to practice at home:

1- unus (oon-us)

2- duo (do-o)

3- tres (tress)

4- quatuor (qua- tor)

5- quinque (quin-quay)

6- sex (sex)

7- septem (like the beginning of September)

8- octo (like the beginning of October)

9- novem (like the beginning of November)

10- decem (day-chem)

In class we've been learning many things, including coffee grinding and apple slicing, the proper way to walk around someone's work, talking in quiet voices, using our work plans, as well as lessons in journal writing, Verses for Life and Latin, math, geography, botany and language. Your child's weekly work plans provide the details. If in doubt, let me know if you need clarification. I've been really impressed with how well the children seem to busily find work that they are interested in, as well as coming to lessons with the teacher. My students from last year have jumped right into ongoing work from last Spring and set a good example for the others – Bravo!

