



Jolly Phonics:

- + Sounds taught in groups of 6
- + After 3 groups of sounds (or sooner) teach letters and how to put them together to make words
- + Sound books—review DAILY AT HOME!!!!!! Make it fun! Mix up the order by flipping through the book! Be sure to “read” your child’s sound book 3 times a day!
- + When reviewing sounds, also use gestures which are found on the worksheets sent home (helps to remember the sounds). Please keep these sheets at home in a folder so that you can periodically review letter formation and have your child practice.
- + **Writing Word List**—Will be sent home on Monday, must be returned by the end of the week)
 - i. **We will start in November after conferences so that I can explain it further**
 - ii. Parent dictates sound and actions for each letter in each word (if necessary) at first and as time goes on (after a few weeks of writing homework) encourage your child to s-t-r-e-t-c-h out the words into sounds and to write what they hear in the word.
 - iii. Jolly Phonics is a multi-sensory program so it is great for multiple learning styles (seeing, feeling, hearing, doing)







Star of the Week:

- + We begin Star of the Week after each child has had one day to lead us through our calendar. When it is your child’s turn, you will receive a letter informing you that your child is our STAR. The letter will tell you what your child should bring to school each day.
- + Each child will have 1 week to be Star of the Week
 - i. Bag sent home on the Friday before your child is STAR
 1. in bag is Buddy Bear (PLEASE take good care of him and wash him on the gentle cycle before he comes back to school the following **Thursday**)
 2. 2 bear books (please read them with your child)

3. a poster which is to be completed and turned in on the Monday of the week your child is Star
- ii. Child will explain poster to class and will share various items (listed on Star sheet in bag) each day
- iii. Child will lead us through calendar each day that week.

Specials:

- ✚ Monday---Music 
- ✚ Wednesday—Library and Computers  
- ✚ Thursday—PE -be sure to send your child to school in gym shoes
EVERY Thursday! 



Behavior:

- ✚ The Kindergarten Way: "Treat others the way you want to be treated!" We brainstormed and signed our "Class Contract"
- ✚ Transitions—boogie breaks, freeze dance,
- ✚ Go for Good Behavior (magnetic cars with each child's name on stoplight)
 - i. Everyone starts on green every day
 - ii. Get verbal reminders, then name on board as a visual reminder, then has to move car to yellow and if behavior continues move car to red and "cool off" by the cooler
 - iii. With good behavior, a child can work his/her way back to green if he/she has ended up on yellow.
- ✚ Please do not bring toys from home.



Homework:

- ✚ Check backpack EVERY DAY! Important notes in your child's folder! PLEASE EMPTY THE FOLDER EVERY DAY! Your child is encouraged to check his/her folder to see if you have sent a note to me!
- ✚ Sound Books must come to school EVERY DAY!
- ✚ A homework calendar will come home each month. See separate sheet with specific explanation.

- ✚ Keep work time short (15 minutes TOPS!) to avoid frustration or boredom. Be sure to make homework time fun and not a chore! We want to help foster a love of school and homework is necessary to create the home/school connection to support your child's learning! It is critical we work together as a team to support your child!



Birthdays:

- ✚ The first thing we do on your child's birthday is celebrate at rug time with special songs!
 - i. The Birthday Song
 - ii. The Birthday Hand Jive
 - iii. Candles and Cake Song
- ✚ Your child receives a birthday card, a birthday crown, a t-shirt that everyone in our class signs from me, and a book from Dr. Kotalik. Your child will also get her/his picture taken for our class birthday book.
- ✚ Your child may bring a goodie bag for each child if you wish to let him/her do so. **Please do not send food treats in (allergies).** These get passed out at the end of the day.
- ✚ Summer birthdays will be celebrated! You will be informed well ahead of time as to when we will be celebrating your child's birthday
- ✚ Do not send birthday party invitations to school and do not allow your child to pass them out on the bus. We are not allowed to pass out invitations unless the whole class is invited.



See Saw Scholastic Book Club:

- ✚ Monthly order form will be sent home
- ✚ Do not have to order
- ✚ Very good prices for quality books
- ✚ Orders arrive within 2-3 weeks



Volunteers: Thank you for helping out!

- ✚ Please be sure to sign in at the office every time you come in
- ✚ Enter building through main entrance by the office
- ✚ Park across street by junior high track/field