



Kindergarten News

October 21, 2011

Dear Parents,

We've had a full week! Please make sure to read the upcoming dates below.

Here is a peek at what we've been up to:

- In Jolly Phonics, we reviewed the sounds we have learned and were introduced to oo, y, x, and ch. We continue to blend and make words with all of the sounds we've learned so far. Please continue to practice the sounds at least three times per day. You can mix it up by giving them words with the sounds they have learned and blend them together. It is very important that your child brings his/her sound book to school every day. We only have a couple more weeks until Jolly Phonics ends and we ramp up using what we've learned.
- The sight words we have covered over the past several weeks include a, and, the, to, I, you, it, in, said, for, up and look. We had a review week this week on these words. Students will be assessed on sight words at the beginning of November. Shortly following, they will have a sight word baggie with the set of words your child is working on. More info to come...
- In Making Meaning, our shared reading (comprehension) program, we started a new topic on "making connections". This week we worked with the story "*When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really Angry...*" Our comprehension focus was on students making text-to-self connections; informally identifying important ideas in the story and answering questions to understand the story. Socially, students are working on the group skill of talking and listening to one another. The poem of the week was Pumpkin.
- We finished the introduction to reading strategies with "try a popper", "backtrack and read again" and "skip it and go on". This was just an introduction and will continue to review these strategies throughout the year.
- In Math we continued our topic on zero to five. We practiced with making 4 and 5; More, Fewer and same as; and 1 and 2 more. We will continue next week with a review, 1 and 2 fewer and problem solving – making an organized list. Many of our students are already counting to 100 – we practice this daily; please continue to practice at home as well.
- Please continue to work on writing your child's name with him/her in the proper format of a capital letter at the beginning with lowercase letters to follow.
- Thank you for sending in the baby pictures. They are starting to come in and they are great! We are anxiously awaiting the class book that holds all of the pictures. You still have a couple of weeks to get them in.

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Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, October 24th, Scholastic orders are due if you are ordering books. There is a large selection in the November issue due to the holidays. I will be sending home November's forms next week.
- Tuesday, October 25th – Red Ribbon Week – pajama day. Your child may come to school in their pajamas. This is not required; however, the kids love this day!
- Wednesday, October 26th, Officer Friendly will come to speak with all kindergartners.
- Friday, October 28th, Costume Parade at 9:30 & 1:30 with Fall Parties following. Students may, **but are not required** to, wear their costumes to school. Please do not send costumes with your child as they will not be able to change into them – they will need to wear them to school.
- Monday, October 31st – our book-it reading logs are due if you are participating. Some students have returned their form and were very excited to get their coupon for a free individual size pizza.
- Monday, October 31st, ½ day – No PM kindergarten

Reminders:

- Please remember to send back sound books every day so the new sound may be added.
- If your child will be going home a different way than normal, please continue to send a note.
- Tuesday we have P.E. (Gym) – please remember to send your child in gym shoes.
- Thursday is Library day; all books need to be returned by Thursday.

Enjoy your weekend!

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