



# Kindergarten News

September 30, 2011

Dear Parents,

We had a busy, full week!

## 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 f, b, ai, and j. 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.
- In Making Meaning, our shared reading (comprehension) program, we continue to make text-to-self connections and ask questions to understand the story. We are working on getting used to working with at partner and turning to our partner to practice listening to one another and to share thoughts and questions. Our story this week was *Flower Garden* by Even Bunting. Our poem of the week was *Blue*. This week and last week our poems were sung to familiar tunes. You may want to ask them to sing you their "Red" or "Blue" poem.
- In math we completed our topic on position and location. We worked with – top, middle and bottom; before and after; and left and right. We will review at the beginning of next week and begin our next topic on patterns.
- We continue to work with our names and the formation of each letter. I sent home a practice sheet earlier this week. 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.
- We completed our Fall MAP testing.

## Next Week:

- Picture re-takes – Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for those wishing to have their child's picture re-taken.
- No School on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> (Teacher Institute Day) or Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (Columbus Day)

## 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!

Mrs. Tonia Cyrus