

News from Room 1

September 21, 2015

Reminders from Mrs. Eubank:

- Please remember to pack healthy snacks for your child (no chips, cookies, or candy).
- Return the blue folder to school daily . . . this is how information gets back and forth from school.
- PTO Meeting Tuesday 9/22 at 6:30 in the media center
- Picture Day is Thursday 9/24 . . . look for more information coming home this week.
- Friday is a half day . . . dismissal is at 12:03
- Wilde's annual Fun Run is on Friday 10/2. Look for a pledge form coming home soon!

Language Arts:

This week we will continue reviewing colors . . . recognizing colors, and reading/writing color words. Students will bring home their own Brown Bear, Brown Bear book. Please take the time to read this book with your student- they are very proud of them!



We will also begin our letter introduction this week. Students will be introduced to the letter c and we will spend the week learning all about it . . . how to write it, what it sounds like and words that include it. The /c/ sound is most frequently represented by the letter c as in cat or car.

Your children will also be learning our first two sight words- I, see. We will be concentrating on writing a lot about ourselves, so the students will become accustomed to writing the word I when talking about themselves.

Our Story Champs program begins this week, too. Our speech pathologist, Mrs. Hunt, will be in our room Tuesday mornings for about a half hour working with the kindergarteners on retelling stories including characters and details. She will be working with all of the kindergarteners in a whole group setting through October and then begin small intervention groups for students who need extra practice with these skills.

Math:

In math this week, we continue our work with shapes and sorting objects. Last week we learned about Cindy Circle, Trixie Triangle, Suzie Square and Rudy Rectangle. (I apologize if your student's got any of those songs stuck in your head. I know how my husband feels when I come home singing them 😊) This week we will really focus on those four shapes and sort them by defining attributes (color, shape, size, number of corners/sides)



In math centers, we will continue our free exploration of math manipulatives including unifix blocks, geoboards, treasure boxes, tiles, wooden cubes, and pattern blocks. The students really enjoy this time during the day. I am already amazed to see the self selection of patterning and sorting the materials.

Social Studies:

In Social Studies we will be starting our first unit titled "Who We Are". This week we will be learning all about members of a family (family size, number of children/adults varies). We will also learn that a home is a place to live, feel safe and secure, and that homes can be different.

Science:

We will also begin our first science unit "My Earth". Students will classify and compare different earth materials (soil, pebbles, water, rocks, sand. Students will also learn that the Earth is made up of more water than land.



News from the Media Center:

Your child visited the Media Center Wednesday. Kindergarten students are permitted to check-out one item per visit. Books are due the following week—please try to return them Tuesday. I encourage your child to choose a book that you can read together as a family. I look forward to getting to know you and your child during the school year. If you would like to volunteer in the Media Center during the upcoming year, please contact me. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail.



Thank you,
Ms. Kennedy
Media Specialist