

# **Kindergarten Newsletter**October 2018

# **Important Dates**

Thursday, Oct. 4th Picture Day

Monday, Oct. 8 & Tuesday, Oct. 9
No School

Tuesday, Oct. 9th Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, Oct. 9
Box Top Collection

Saturday, Oct. 20th (10:00-3:00) Fall Fest

> Wednesday, Oct. 24 Pumpkin Book Report Due

### **REMINDERS:**

Please be sure to remember everyone is expected to wait quietly in the hallways in the mornings between 7:15-7:30

#### Homework

Homework has been sent home in the back of your child's blue folder. It is optional to complete.

The Pumpkin Book Report is due on Oct. 25th. Instructions should be in PRIDE folder.

Please read with your child nightly for at least 15 minutes.

Dear Families,

We've had a great start to our year! We have established our routines and procedures and are working towards independence. Thank you for letting your child enter the classroom independently to get ready for the day!

In reading and writing, we are continuing to build our reading and writing stamina through continued practice of daily habits and skills. We are exploring purposes for reading and how it connects to our lives as readers through familiar stories and poetry such as lullabies and nursery rhymes. In writing we are exploring why authors write stories and where they get ideas. Students are expressing their ideas through telling, dictating, and recording stories and sharing them with others. We are also solidifying letter names and sounds.

In math, we are counting, representing, and recognizing numbers from 0 to 10. We are practicing one-to-one correspondence, keeping track, remembering how many, and knowing one more and one less with a variety of games and tools. Soon we begin learning to sort and classify objects by color, shape, and size. We are using that information to create graphs. We are also learning to quickly identify groups of objects without counting them.

In science, we are learning to observe and describe the physical properties of objects before and after heating or cooling. We had so much fun with changes and making playdough in our Science Innovation lab. Thanks for everyone for donating supplies and volunteering to help in the lab. We also are learning about our 5 Senses and how important our sense are to explore in our world. Thanks again for your help with exploring Science.

Kindergarten Daily Schedule 7:40 Tardy Bell 9:00-9:30 Recess 10:57-11:29 Lunch

12:00-12:50 Specials M-TH 12:25-1:05 F (as of 10/12) 2:55 Dismissal

Kindergartners should wear tennis shoes daily!

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