



# Kindergarten Happenings

## From the Teacher's Desk



### Happy Birthday to You



We celebrate birthdays with acknowledgements and songs, but due to instructional needs and food allergies, we ask that you do not send in snacks.

### Health Information

Please remember to inform your child's teacher and the health room of any allergies and other medical conditions.



### Rain, Rain Go Away

Please do not send your child to school with an umbrella because of safety issues.

### Toys

Please leave toys at home. They can be a distraction during instruction. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### Dates to Remember:

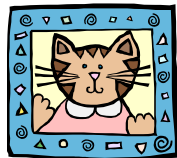
- ◆ Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m. — Kindergarten Back to School Night
- ◆ Monday, September 28th — Yom Kippur No School for Students and Teachers



## Cat Got Their Tongue?

Ask your child about the school day right before bedtime. Your child might be willing to talk in lieu of going to bed. The following is a list of questions you may want to initiate with your child:

- Did you read a story?
- Did you learn any new songs?
- Who did you work with today?
- Did you feel good about what you did at school today?
- How did you use numbers/letters today?
- Did you talk about the calendar?



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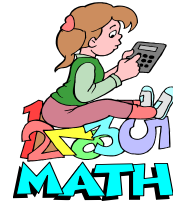
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## Math

In math, we are learning about positional words such as top, middle, bottom, before, between and after. We will also explore patterns, making and exploring graphs, as well as sorting objects. The following are sample activities you may use to reinforce math concepts:

- Sorting the laundry by type or color
- Sorting food
- Making patterns with silverware



## Science and Social Studies

In science, we will be studying weather. Weather will be observed and described. The children will develop an understanding of the ways weather impacts them.

In social studies, we will be studying the various roles of the adults in the school. Classroom rules will be generated and an understanding of the need for these rules will be developed.

## Poetic Justice

Your child may be bringing home poems, songs, and nursery rhymes they are learning in class. You may want to collect them in a folder or binder so you can enjoy them with your child.



## Reading/Language Arts

We are reading texts that focus on:

- Nursery rhymes
- Rhyming words
- Phonemic awareness
- Developing oral language



Pictures and writings will come home that show your child's understanding of these topics. We will also read stories written by Margaret Wise Brown and discover similarities and differences in them.

We are so excited about the wonderful participation in our kindergarten Open House evening. Ninety-one percent of our families attended! We know that this was a very busy time for all of you and appreciate your effort. When families and the school work together children will benefit. We look forward to a wonderful year.



## Media Madness



Beginning soon, our kindergarten students will have an opportunity to visit the media center and choose books. Each classroom will have a media lesson every other week. Our students will become familiar with the media center routines and the locations they can find certain books. Once the media center routines have been established, our students will have an opportunity to visit the media center on book exchange days.



# Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our friends who are celebrating a birthday in the months of August and September:

### August

### September

Jacob	1	Camille	17	Lillian	6
Andrew	2	Margaret	17	Eunhye	6
Ryan	2	Ryan	18	Allen	9
Tevon	3	Ryan	19	Lena	11
Parth	3	Isabel	19	Jordan	12
Isabella	7	Isabella	20	Fiza	14
Ria	10	Jacob	23	Tinoda	20
Robin	10	Dan	24	Andrew	20
Kiana	13	Aaron	26	Logan	21
Irene	13	Emma	26	Nathan	25
Latavius	16	Megan	28	Flora	25
Calvin	17	Edward	31	Kiya	27
				Valeria	30

## Kindergarten Reminders

- ⇒ Send your child to school in sneakers on P.E. day. Please refer to the specialist schedule to see when your child has P.E.
- ⇒ Please remember to inform your child's teacher and the health room of allergies or other medical conditions.
- ⇒ Homework will be collected only on Friday. Homework is designed to compliment and reinforce what we do in class.
- ⇒ Check and empty your child's folder every day.
- ⇒ If your child is absent, please call the office at (301) 601-4350 to report the absence and to send a note when they return.
- ⇒ If there is any change in how your child is getting home (i.e., play date, relative picking up), please notify your child's teacher in writing.
- ⇒ Follow the normal arrival and departure procedures. Remember, this is in the best interest of your child.
- ⇒ Check your calendar for days off and special events.
- ⇒ Please leave toys at home.
- ⇒ Please no umbrellas for safety reasons.