

October Newsletter



Monday, October 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that one month of school has gone by. We have worked hard to become familiar with each other and the school environment. It is our pleasure to work with your children. We are working with the children on developing independent work habits in centers so that we will be able to work in small groups for instruction.

October is the month that our program begins to take shape.

- Classroom volunteers will come to work in our classrooms. There are several slots still open for volunteers in Mrs. Fuss' class on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Send a note to school in your child's folder if you would like to come in.
- Home volunteers will be given projects to do at home. We will send you a note explaining the project and a deadline for completion.
- Homework will start this week. Your child will have homework 4 times a week. It must be returned the next school day unless it states otherwise. We depend on you, the parents, to check your child's folder **EVERY** day and to help him/her with the homework assignment. This should not take more than 15 minutes per night. These activities are not meant to induce stress. Homework is a way to involve you in the skill development of your child and to teach the children that homework is a **RESPONSIBILITY** to be completed and returned. Remember, your child must write his/ her name on every paper. Please establish a routine of returning homework on time.

Our children are enjoying their snacks. It gives them the extra boost they need to make to through a long morning. Please continue sending a snack for your child to school each day.

We continue working on the new Curriculum 2.0.

- In Social Studies we continue to learn about classroom routines and schedules. We have learned about our rights and responsibilities. We expand our thoughts to important contributions of people to the United States.
- In Science we are making weather observations and discussing seasonal changes and patterns.
- In Reading we are learning about story elements. We are making predictions, asking questions, making connections, and expanding our vocabulary. We do phonic work, word recognition and handwriting.
- In Writing we continue to work on Workshop routines. We are selecting our own ideas to write about. We are using spacing, spelling sight words correctly and sharing our work.
- In Math we continue to work on positional words, sorting and data collection. We will begin our work on patterns.

Please remember that a backpack and folder should accompany your child to school each day. Be sure to review and empty your child's folder every evening.

The children go outside for recess every day after lunch. Dress your child appropriately every day.

Monday morning, October 10th, is Open House from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. We hope you can visit with us then.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us a note or an email and we will get in touch with you as soon as possible. We are really enjoying the Kindergarten classes. The children come to school prepared to learn. We thank YOU for this. It's going to be a great year.

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team