

GHEs Kindergarten's November 2011 Newsletter



K News





READING



Guided reading groups are well under way. You can expect for your child to bring home a book about twice a week. Notice the number of words in the book, the sight words to learn, the beginning sounds of the word to help, and the pictures to help, and does the reading make sense.

At home you can help your child:



-  Read a book every night.
-  Identify road signs you see when in the car, bus, or taking a walk.

WRITING



Wow! Watch your child's progress as they use the sight words in writing to make a complete sentence. Can your child write his/her last name yet? Does he/she use a capital letter to begin the sentence? And does he/she use a period at the end to mean stop?

At home you can help your child:

-  Ask your children to help write a grocery list.
-  Use the guide above when writing sentences for Wednesday's homework.

Family Affair Project ...

We hope you enjoyed working together to make the October family project. Family affair projects will be sent home at the beginning of most months. You will have about a week to complete them. The K team will use them to decorate the kindergarten hallway.

Dates to Remember:

November 10— early dismissal, conferences
November 11 — early dismissal, conferences
November 13-19-Reading Week
November 22 —Thanksgiving Feast
November 23- early dismissal
November 24— no school
November 25 — no school



MATH



Quarter 2 math begins to build a strong base for **number sense**.

- 1) Counting
- 2) One-to-one correlation
- 3) Sets, Equal, Not equal
- 4) Odd and Even
- 5) Ordinal Numbers (first, second, etc)
- 6) Different ways to make a number

Students who excel will begin to identify tens and ones and use a number line.

At home you can help your child:

1. Count by ones. Count by tens.
2. Use a system to be sure you've counted all and don't double count.
3. Identify = and not =.
4. Tell the order of things.
5. Pair objects. If they have a friend to play with, then they are even. If there is 1 left over, it is odd.
6. Show a number in different ways: draw pictures, tally, show objects, write the number, etc.

HOMEWORK

How is homework going at your house?

Do you have a scheduled time to sit down to do homework? Do you have a set place (desk, table)? Do you have crayons and pencils collected before you start? Do you remember to send the book back to school on Mondays? November's homework will be glued into the same book.



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SCIENCE



The "Living Things" science kit will be rotated to another MCPS school. At the beginning of December we will receive our Social Studies kit, "Myself and Others."

GO GREEN! Plants & people help each other. At **home**, look around the neighborhood to identify what is living and what is not; tell why.

Thanksgiving

Our annual classroom feast serves a traditional meal turkey, cranberry sauce, yams, popcorn, apple juice, and pumpkin pie. Classes get together. Some dress as Indians while others dress as Pilgrims. The K Team will be sending a letter to request food donations. As we get closer, please check backpacks. Thank you!



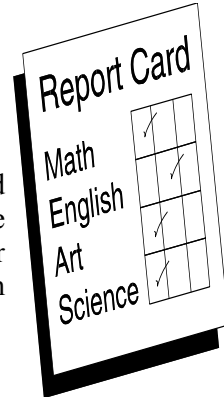
MCC: Montgomery County College

The teacher program at MCC has an intern program. MCC students are assigned to work 45 hours in the working classroom for hands on experience. Each kindergarten classroom has an MCC student who gets to know our kindergarteners and works with small groups under the direction of the supervision of the classroom teacher.

Parent—Teacher CONFERENCES

(instead of report cards)

Conferences are scheduled every 15 minutes. Please be on time to help keep your teacher and those after you on schedule. Thank you!



Kindergarten Ground Rules

- ☺ Be kind and respectful
- ☺ Be ready to learn
- ☺ Follow directions
- ☺ Raise your hand when you want to speak
- ☺ Share and take turns
- ☺ Be safe; walk
- ☺ Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself



ESOL is ...

Ms. Green the ESOL teacher assigned to support kindergarten, is very visible co-teaching in our classrooms. She works with small groups supporting the curriculum with oral language skills and special projects. ALL students know her and work with her.

