

Glen Haven Elementary School
Kindergarten Newsletter
October 2011



Hello






Thank you for your continued help and support.

READING



When MCPS mClass reading assessments are complete, we will have useful data to support placement for your child in guided reading groups with classmates who have similar skills. You will need to sign a permission slip to allow your children to bring home their guided reading books to practice reading with you. Please have your child read this book to you and remember to return the book the next day.

At home you can:

-  Practice identifying letters & letter sounds
-  Ask questions about the text: beginning, middle, end; characters, setting
-  Read daily

WRITING



We write in our journals every day; introducing one new word each week which is used on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday, we write about something that begins with the letter of the week. Friday is free choice. All students are expected to have a picture with details/colors, independent writing and a name for at least 3 points. Check the rubrics on the back of the writing journals to chart your child's progress.

At home you can practice sounding out new words. Our students are very excited about using writing for self expression!

HOMEWORK

Daily homework begins in October.



Monday is phonics and letter ID,
Tuesday is Math.
Wednesday is Writing.
Thursday is rhyming, Science, etc.
Friday is a book report.
Please sit with your child, but do not do the work!

Please initial the homework and return it each Monday.

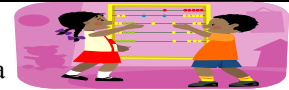
Dates to Remember:

October 3	Picture Day
October 4	PTA Meeting
October 10	Open House
October 14	Movie Night
October 17	Farm Trip
October 19K	Parent Night
October 21	No school for teachers and students
October 24-28	Red Ribbon Week
October 26	Data Notebooks sent home
October 28	Halloween Parade-1:30
October 28	Celebrate The Calm
October 28	1st Marking Period Ends
October 31	Professional Day for Teachers.



MATH

Quarter 1 Math builds a strong foundation in vocabulary and concepts.



1. Position words not only help in math but also in reading. (Ex: before, after, left, right)
2. Sort, resort, same, different, and set
3. Graph, more, most, least, fewest, and tally
4. Make & extend a pattern; show a pattern in another way; and name the pattern

At home you can help your child:

1. Explain WHERE things are using position words
2. Sort the laundry by shirts & pants & socks, by long sleeves & short sleeves, by big & little, by buttons & zippers, etc.
3. Make a graph and ask questions about what it tells
4. ID patterns in everyday life. Make patterns and copy the patterns, then ask what comes next.

ESOL is ...

English for Speakers of Other Languages. Level 1 (beginners) receive direct small group language instruction using the ESOL curriculum 3 times a week. The ESOL and kindergarten teachers co-teach students at Levels 2 & 3 (intermediate & advanced). All students are developing new vocabulary and grammar skills.

Parent—Teacher CONFERENCE

(instead of report cards)
Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled two afternoons in November. Watch this space for more information.

