



# Kindergarten News



October 2011

Dear Families,

The first several weeks of school have been very busy! The children are settling into the routines of the classroom and of the school. They have enjoyed making new friends and meeting their teachers. The year has started off very well and the children are excited about learning!

Thank you to all the parents who attended Back to School Night. We were happy to share with you the new Curriculum 2.0! If you need more information please ask us or visit the parent's guide at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/elementary/guides.aspx>.

Our field trip to Homestead Farm is on Tuesday, October 25, 10:00-12:45. It will be an exciting learning opportunity that includes touring the farm, riding on a hayride and picking pumpkins. Please be sure to send in the \$10.00 fee and permission slip as soon as possible. Thanks so much for such a huge interest in volunteering! We understand how much you would like to be part of this educational experience. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers is limited. Please indicate if you would like to volunteer on the permission slip and your name will be included in the lottery.

Over the next few weeks in math, we will be reviewing directional/positional words, patterns, and sorting in math. We will also learn how to collect, display, and interpret data. In reading, we will continue to learn about beginning sounds, rhyming, characters, and setting. These skills will be posted in the Peek of the Week, which is sent home every Monday, and you can practice these skills at home with your child!

Homework will start the week of October 3. Homework is sent home on Mondays and due on Fridays. The homework for the month of October is reading each night and recording that it has been done. We are participating in the Book It! program so if your child does his/her homework for four weeks, he/she will receive a coupon for a pizza from Pizza Hut!

Sincerely,  
The Kindergarten Team

**Important Dates:**

- \*Book Fair Oct 3-7
- \*Donuts for Dads Wednesday October 5
- \*MSTA convention Friday October 21 No closed
- \*Homestead Field Trip Tuesday October 25
- \*Halloween party and parade Friday October 28 2:15

\*Professional Day Monday October 31 No school