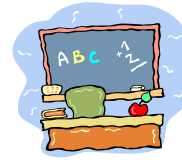


Kindergarten News



September 2011

Dear Families,

The first few days of school were very busy! It has been enjoyable getting to know your child! It was also a pleasure to meet so many of you at the Open House and Parent Information Night. We hope those events were informative and valuable. While we know that not all parents or guardians can attend school functions, all can show interest in their child's schoolwork by setting aside a few minutes each day to: listen while your child describes school day activities, read to your child, and listen while your child reads to you.

The first few weeks of school are spent helping the children learn the school routines. This includes knowing the classroom routine, walking in the hallways, eating in the cafeteria and playing outside at recess. Many of the children had the chance to meet the art, music and P.E. teachers during the first few days of school.

During the integrated literacy block we have read a variety of stories about starting school and making friends. We have begun to introduce literacy centers, which include exploring the ABC center and the classroom library. The kindergarten children will also learn about each other by playing the Name Game!

In math, we will continue to introduce and practice using directional and positional vocabulary words. The children will also learn about sorting, patterns, and graphing. They will collect data and display it in a variety of ways.

There are many special events in the month of September. We'll be sending home more information as the events approach. We hope that you can join us!

Monday, September 5	Labor Day holiday. No school
Friday, September 9	Back to School Picnic
Wednesday, September 14	Back to School Night for K-2
Friday, September 16	Fall Student Portraits (picture day)
Wednesday, September 28	Early Release. Dismissal is at 12:55
Thursday, September 29	Rosh Hashanah. No school

Grandparents Day has been postponed until October. We will send more information at that time.

Lastly, please check that you return all forms to us. This includes the emergency cards and signed discipline policy.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team