

Mrs. Kim's K-News

October 2, 2009

Dear Families,

The reading assessment is completed and analyzed. We will be working in small reading groups starting next week. ☺ If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

We also had an end of the month birthday celebration this week! Happy birthday to Erin, Aidan, and Julia! Thanks to our parents, we had a yummy celebration. ☺ Our next birthday celebration is on Friday, October 25. If your child's birthday is in October, please keep in mind that we are celebrating their birthdays in a big way on the last Friday of the month.

The following are the objectives the students learned in my class:

Language Arts:

We read Is This a Monster? and learned the steps of being good readers. These are the things every good reader does: First, make a prediction from the title and cover of the book. Second, take a picture walk (look at the pictures and think about what is happening). Third, use picture cues to read unknown words. Fourth, look for the words we already know (In Is This a Monster? we already knew the words "is" and "this"). Fifth, read the story, again, and retell. Since the book that we read was non-fiction, we retold facts. We also made a class book that is similar to the book. This is a great way to make a connection.

We also read The Very Hungry Caterpillar and identified and discussed the character and setting. Characters are people, animals, or things that talk or do things in stories. Setting is the when and where of stories.

Math:

Our children have been learning to ask good questions, collect data, and make a graph. After making a graph, they had to analyze it using words like "most" and "least" and answer questions such as "How many...?" In kindergarten, we focus mostly on making bar graphs.

Social Studies:

Good readers:

1. Make a prediction before reading.
2. Take a picture walk.
3. Use pictures cues to read unknown words.
4. Look for the words we already know.
5. Read it again. Retell.

We have been talking about being respectful and fair. We added “trustworthiness” to the list of good citizenship. Lastly, we talked about travel buddies. The travel buddy book has gone home today. Please give the notebook to the next person in your family or to a friend travelling out of town. We look forward to getting our first post cards. ☺

Wait! Just a little bit more...

- ❖ Please practice the lunch pin number with your child. They may buy lunch from school as long as there is money in your child’s account. Please email me if you have misplaced the pin number. ☺
- ❖ Sharp’s Farm on October 7th! Please make sure to dress your child warm. Our children must be wearing sneakers. If you are chaperoning that day, please carpool or drive to Sharp’s Farm directly. Please be there by 9:45. You are more than welcome to be there earlier. We are leaving Wyngate at 9:15.
- ❖ K-news will be posted up on the website every Friday. K-news will no longer be emailed to the parents. Please check the school website:
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wyngatees/>
- ❖ Please remember to send in homework every day, especially the Letter Book, so I can write the next letter. ☺
 - Monday: Social Studies
 - Tuesday: Letter Book (paste pictures that begins with the specific letter sound)
 - **Wednesday: Writing/Reading** (Sometimes homework will be about Kindergarten Words)
 - Thursday: Math
 - Friday: No homework

Have a wonderful weekend. ☺

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim

