

Mrs. Kim's K-News

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Dear Families,

The students and I had so much fun getting to know each other. It was a big adjustment for a lot of students to be in school all day and to follow the classroom rules and remember the routines. We are still working very hard on what learning should look like in class. We are learning everyday about what it looks like to respect our teachers, friends, and materials in the classroom. In kindergarten, the students will be doing a lot of independent activities, so following classroom rules becomes very important.

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

Language Arts:

We read [The Kissing Hand](#) and [Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?](#) to retell. They learned that retelling is telling what happened in the story in their own words. They also learned that they should retell from the beginning in order.

They also learned that when reading, matching the oral words to printed words is an important skill to have as a reader.

Math:

They learned to sort and make patterns. They can sort different items by colors, sizes, and shapes. Sorting is an important skill to have because it will help them to make patterns. First, the items must be sorted by colors, sizes, or shapes. Then a pattern with clear rules can be made. They learned to identify patterns, make patterns, and act out patterns. For example, if the pattern is blue-red-blue-red, they can act out that pattern out by clapping-jumping-clapping-jumping. The name of this pattern is AB pattern. We also learned ABC, ABB, and ABBC patterns.

Social Studies:

We have been discussing the importance of following rules. We also talked about what it looks like to respect one another.

Classroom Rules

1. Sit down on your bottom with your legs crossed and hands in lap.
2. Walk quietly.
3. Raise your hand to share your thoughts.
4. Use kind words.
5. Listen when a friend or teacher is talking.

We have been talking about how special each one of us is. The children drew portraits and made All About Me books.

Wait! Just a little bit more...

- ❖ The Kindergarten Quarterly Newsletter goes home today. Please refer to it as a reminder of what our children will be learning in school. The Quarterly Newsletter is from the K-team.
- ❖ Personally, I like to share with you what our children do in class on a weekly basis. Many children go home and proudly tell their parents what they did in school, but sometimes the communication is not clear. The K-news might clear that up for you. 😊
- ❖ If we have only 3 school days in a week, there will be no K-news.
- ❖ Please continue packing lunch for school every day.
- ❖ The homework will be going home starting next week. Our children should spend only 10 minutes on homework. Please make sure your child puts his/her name on each piece of homework. It is okay if it's incomplete. They will just need to form the habit of bringing it back the following day.
 - Monday: Social Studies
 - Tuesday: Letter Book (paste pictures that begins with the specific letter sound)
 - Wednesday: Writing about reading
 - Thursday: Math
 - Friday: No homework

Have a wonderful weekend. 😊

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim