

# Wyngate Kindergarten Newsletter

## November-December

### Thank You!

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Open House, field trip to Sharp's Farm, and the Fun Run. We are looking forward to meeting with you at Parent Conferences.

Thank you so much for contributing supplies to our classrooms. You have also supported your child's kindergarten adventures by making sure their travel buddies got off to a good start. We are reading the postcards and mapping the various places our travel buddies have gone.

We would also like to send a special thank you to all parents who assisted in helping to make our first school celebration a success. The Halloween parties were enjoyed by all!



### Math

The focus this quarter is on numbers, quantity, and number order. One of the more abstract and challenging concepts this quarter is determining whether a number is even or odd. Using manipulatives at home to reinforce what we are learning may be helpful. Listen for details of activities we have completed at school as your child shares: capitalize on the opportunities that may present themselves at home for you to explore together.

### Reading

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of kindergarten, we will continue to explore letters-including vowels, consonants, and simple letter combinations. Small reading groups will continue building sight vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Reading homework for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be focusing on story settings. Students are to write where and when the story takes place. We would also like students to begin recognizing fiction and non-fiction text. To further your child's learning here are some possible questions to ask:

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- ✓ Who are the characters in the story?
- ✓ Where does this story happen?
- ✓ What time of day is it in the story?
- ✓ What do you think will happen next?
- ✓ Could this story really happen?
- ✓ What information did you get from the story?



### Baldrige

Baldrige is a business model that Montgomery County has chosen to adapt to the instructional setting. Baldrige activities encourage a personal investment in setting and reaching goals as well as analyzing positive attitudes, behaviors, and patterns to overcome challenging habits or less developed skills. Grades 1 to 5 began keeping data notebooks in September. So that kindergartners will be ready for this task next year, we have used many Baldrige activities as we set up our classroom expectations. These include writing our mission statements, reflecting on individual lessons, determining which behaviors and activities move us closer to reaching our goals, and determining and accepting responsibilities for parts of our classroom. In addition to this, kindergarten students routinely take the time to look back over work and discuss how far we have come since September.

As your child begins to build his/her Baldrige notebooks, we will be including some reflections. This information, along with math samples, writing samples and reading assessment printouts will be included in the notebooks. You will have the opportunity to look through them in February after report cards come home.

### Important Dates



November 1- 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period begins  
November 3- Individual photo day  
November 10- Early release day  
November 11- Early release day  
November 23- Early release day  
November 24 & 25- No school  
December 26-January 2- No school  
Students return on January 3

### Thank you

Thanks again for all the support you have given your children during their first quarter at Wyngate. See you at conferences!

The Kindergarten Team  
Wyngate Elementary School

