



# Kindergarten News

## October 2013



### Literacy News

This month we are continuing to learn sounds through the Jolly Phonics Program and the Kindergarten Sight Words (aka Popcorn Words). The letter sounds we are introducing this month are: *r, m, d, g, o, u, l, f, b, ai, j, oa, ie, ee, and or.*

Each week your child will have a few Jolly Phonics homework sheets come home along with a sound book. Please have your child practice all the sounds in the sound book and make sure it comes back to school the

next day since we will be using it at school. The Jolly Phonics homework does not need to be returned.

We will spend some days reviewing the Jolly Phonics sounds; therefore, there will not be a new letter sound and homework sheet every day. The sight words (popcorn words) taught this month are: *and, at, can, an, me, and we.* Throughout each week, we will do activities to reinforce these concepts.

In word study, we continue to work on reading and writing our names, hearing rhymes in words, hearing syllables in words, and recognizing and naming letters. We have spending a lot of time talking about the shapes of letters. When discussing shapes we talk about tall and short letters and letters with curvy lines, straight lines, or both. You can do this at home too!

### This month in Math...

In math, we have been exploring different ways to make numbers up to 5 and will expand that to 10 this month. We will also be reading, writing, and comparing numbers 1 through 10. We will practice counting forward and backward up to 20, along with counting to answer "how many" questions. We will also introduce the concepts greater than, less than, and equal to.

### Science

In October, we will begin our first science unit, Marvelous Me. Students will be learning about each of their five senses and how to use them to explore their environment. Marvelous Me will continue into November as we begin to learn about nutrition and the food groups.



***We will be hosting a Kindergarten Math Night on Monday, October 21st. At this event your kindergartner will be teaching you all the fun math games we have been learning! Best of all, you will receive materials you can take home so you can play these games with your child at home!! Please look for more information to come in the next few weeks.***

## Activities to do with your child at home:

- Count forward and backward to 20 (by the end of kindergarten students should be able to count forward to 100).
- Have your child show numbers 1-10 on his/her fingers.
- Read and write the sight words.
- Work on writing and naming the letters in your child's name.
- Practice letter names and letter sounds.
- Generate rhyming words.
- Read!
- Practice cutting, zipping jackets, buttoning pants and jackets, and tying shoes.

## Reminders

- Please check your child's take home folder DAILY.
- Please reinforce the skills being taught in school by helping your child with his/her homework each week.
- It is getting cooler! Please send your child to school wearing weather appropriate clothes and a jacket. Many students need help putting on, taking off, and zipping their jackets. Please practice this at home with your kindergartener.
- Review appropriate behavior and school rules.
- When sending in money, please put the money in an envelope or bag labeled with your child's name, class, and the purpose of the money (i.e. lunch money).
- Please send your child with a nutritious snack. Some great snacks are cheese and crackers, fruit, vegetables, dry cereal, or granola bars. Remember we do not eat lunch until 1:00. Consider sending a snack that will keep your child filled until lunch time.

## Dates to Remember

October 7th	Kindergarten Specials Night
October 14th	NO SCHOOL—Columbus Day
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal at 12:05
October 21st	Kindergarten Math Family Night
Oct. 21st—25th	Character Counts Week!
October 25th	End of 1st Quarter and Spirit Day

Thanks for your continued support,

The Kindergarten Team

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