

Kindergarten Newsletter

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Kindergarten News

We are done with our first month of Kindergarten, Yahoo!! It has been a busy month as we continue to adjust and learn classroom routines, TMES expectations, and curriculum material. The first few weeks we all miss home and have a case of the Kindergarten "blues." But we are amazed at the progress each child has made as they transition into full and rigorous days of school. We look forward to an exciting school year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions or concerns.

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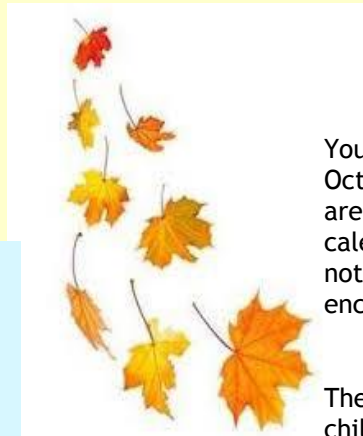
Thank You!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 9- Open House
- ◆ October 12- Community Night at Potomac Pizza @ Trville
- ◆ October 16- MAP-P Testing
- ◆ October 26- Picture Day
- ◆ October 31-Halloween Parade 2:20 p.m with individual class parties to follow



Homework

Your kindergartner should have come home with an October Homework Calendar. On the calendar there are activities that you can do with your child. The calendar reflects homework for only 4 days. We do not give homework on Fridays or weekends to encourage more fun family time.

The suggested activities are current topics that your child is learning or has recently learned in the classroom. These activities are for practice and we encourage you to please engage your child at home with them.

As you may have noticed some activities are paper pencil based while others are more hands on or oral. The activities do not need to be returned to the classroom. They are meant to help your child practice the skills and build good study habits.

Curriculum Information

Reading

Our main lesson focus for the month of October is comprehension of nonfiction texts, identifying the cover, back cover and title page. We will also focus on the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear and asking clarifying questions. During this month we will also be focusing on safety, such as: fire safety, car and bus safety.

Word Work: we will be introducing one sight word a week. Some that have already been a focus are: a, I, am, the

Please frequently review these words with your child when reading at home.

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
-Benjamin Franklin*

Writing

Our focus for October will be writing narratives, recalling information from experiences. Using pictures with details to express thoughts. We will be introducing nouns and verbs as part of the written expressions. The use of consonants and sound letter relationship will be stressed as well.

When your child has homework involving writing, please encourage them to stretch the sounds and write what they hear. It is developmentally appropriate for them to use

Math

We have been sorting objects by different attributes, such as: color, size, shape, and other distinguishing features.

This month we will be focusing on strategies for accurate counting. Representing and connecting number words, numerals and quantities. We will also be counting by 1s to 20 and connecting counting to cardinality. Additionally, we will be subitizing unfamiliar configurations within 5.

We will also begin our unit on

As your child readily identifies these words it will help build their confidence and enhance their independent reading skills.

K- Word Wall Words

a	got	see	he	this
am	here	the	his	are
and	I	this	no	she
at	in	to	on	come
can	is	up	have	an
so	it	we	him	
did	like	you	of	
for	look	do	play	
get	me	had	said	
go	my	has	will	

this word stretching technique and only have a few letter sounds at this point in the year. Please encourage them to word stretch rather than spell the word correctly. The more confident your child becomes with word stretching the more independent they will become during writing.



measurement by describing and comparing lengths.

Ready, set, go...we are off to great new mathematical explorations!!!

Social Studies & Science

Social Studies focus during the month of October:

- Symbols and practices associated with the United States of America
- People important to the American political system (Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Park)

Science focuses during the month of October:

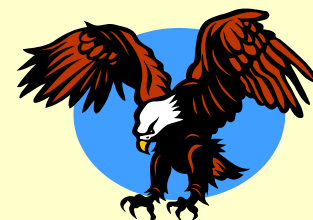
- Weather observations: conditions & changes
- How weather impacts daily activities
- Weather patterns: clouds & water cycle
- Weather patterns: seasonal changes

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Suggestions for Success

- Spend a few minutes each week reviewing alphabets and word wall words so your child begins to readily recognize all letters and word wall words.
- Search for letters/words in books and magazines and use them to write sentences.
- Have your child practice tying their own shoes and zipping their own jacket.
- Have your child practice writing their name with only the first alphabet as the capital letter and all the rest of the letters lowercase.
- Have your child practice cutting with their thumb up and using their opposite hand to rotate the paper.



Looking Ahead: November Dates to Remember

- ◆ November 9- 1st Marking Period Ends
Early Release @1:20
- ◆ November 10-2nd Marking Period Begins
Early Release @1:20- Parent Teacher Conferences
- ◆ November 17- Early Release @1:20- Parent Teacher Conferences
- ◆ November 22- Early Release- 1:20 p.m.
- ◆ November 23-24 No School

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*"Children are likely to grow up to what you believe in them."
-Lady Bird Johnson*