

The Weekly Word

9/9/16

News Now...

Reading:

We continued to work on beginning Reader's Workshop skills last week and again this week. The children learned the three ways to read a book and four ways to "Rev up" to get ready to read. Please ask your child to tell you about these things.

Math:

During math, the children worked on identifying attributes of 2-D shapes, sorting them and following directions to put them in specific positions (putting a circle under a triangle). They continued to count objects and write numerals 0-5.

Letterland:

We have revisited several Letterlanders. The children worked with Clever Cat, Annie Apple, Mr. A the Apron Man, Pippy Puck, and Harry Hatman (over the last 2 weeks). Please ask your child to tell you about these characters.

Star of the Day:

We are still focusing on listening and asking questions.



What's to Come...

Bonus Recess

Next week we are going to start doing a bonus recess after lunch. Not to worry, however, we will not be giving up any instructional time to do it. Instead of doing our play time in one 30 minute block, we are going to break that amount of time into 2 blocks. A great deal of research suggests that students are able to better focus and complete academic tasks if they have more frequent breaks to move and relax. I am finding that, at times, the children begin to struggle to work appropriately and cooperatively with their peers in the afternoon when they have not had a break. I think this new system will be really beneficial to them.

Hand Sanitizer

I know I have previously mentioned this, but we have had a few more small containers of hand sanitizer come to school attached to lunch boxes and backpacks. According to the health inspector, hand sanitizer cannot be stored within reach of children. Please be sure to remove these bottles from your child's lunch box or backpack! Thank you in advance for your help with this!

Conferences

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a conference! If you have not had the opportunity to sign up yet, please do so ASAP. I am very excited to share your sweet children's work and progress with you.

Rapid Reminders

ASAP: Unwanted pictures and/or payment for purchased pictures

September 16th: Unsold raffle tickets and/or payments are due

September 29th: Picture retakes for those who requested a new photo

September 30th: Early release and track out day.

** Be on the lookout for a volunteer sign up! If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up for one or more dates you like! All you have to do is register as a volunteer in the Media center before you start helping out.**