



Kindergarten News



January 19th, 2018

What's New?

Your child is bringing home his/her number book today. We have been working on this one page at a time, for quite some time now! And we have finally finished all of the numbers, 0-10! If your child has a blank page, perhaps they were absent...and it can be worked on at home. If you notice that some or all of the pages are only partially finished....perhaps your kindergartner is not really doing that much work at work time! January is a great time to have a reminder discussion about the expectations at school. The goal was for each page (both sides) to be complete with numbers, and a colored picture that is labeled. That is what they were given time in class to complete.

Looking ahead to February...we have two big events coming up. Valentine's Day AND the 100th day of school, which is going to actually land ON Valentine's Day this year! More information will be coming home later this month regarding these celebrations, which I am thinking will be combined into one day. Unlike Halloween and Christmas, however, we will not be having a party at a particular time of the day, but instead the students will make a special snack and do some fun activities throughout the day. Stay tuned!

Box Tops Contest

The PTA is sponsoring another Box Tops contest between all of the classrooms here at Randolph. We came in 2nd place during the first school wide contest. Thanks to all of

you who have been filling our collection jar once again. Keep it up! Contest ends February 20th.



Winter is here! If your child wears **snow boots** to school, please send extra shoes! We like to leave wet boots in the hallway so the rugs and floor in our classroom stay dry. We sit on the floor a lot. Thank you!

Every Friday is Pencil Day! This is optional, and it will continue through the year. Feel free to send in a quarter any day of the week and I will hold them until Friday. The new pencils will come home at the end of the day on Friday.



This week's treasure Book:
No New Treasure Book



Next week's treasure book:
Officer Buckle and Gloria

Mark your calendar:

PTA Family Movie Night- January 19th
Spirit Day-College Team Day-
January 26th
Cookies & Canvas (PTA Event)-
January 26th 6-8 pm

**Check out our classroom photos...
updated daily!**
https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell_KDG

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Reading Rocks!

This week we continued our latest reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week focused on finding pattern breakers. Often times, the last page of a pattern book will break the pattern and we used the pictures and think about the story to determine what the new words are. Also this week, we practiced giving a book summary in the form on one sentence. "This book is about..." you can also practice this at home, with any books you read to your child and/or any books they read to you. It's a great way to build story sense and memory. Pull out your child's treasure bag and try it with our past treasure books!



Word Work



Each week, we are learning new **HEART WORDS**. We call them heart words because we need to know them in our hearts and by sight (they are not words to be sounded out). Please practice these words at home, and look for them in the books you read, or in the poetry binder that came home today.

New Words This Week:

it, like, some

Our Heart Words:

I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in, to, my, am, is, an, all, at, can, me, mom, dad, had, little, love, her, has, be, over, his, good, said, do, on, got

This Week's Rhymes:

Pease Porridge

Growing Writers

This week we continued on our writing unit which focuses on writing **small moment stories**. The kids now have several books in their folders, and we are working on really sticking to just one event and making it stretch across many pages. We have also been working on peer editing, which gives the students a chance to listen to each others stories and give feedback. Our focus this week was also on adding feelings to the stories.



Math Matters!

This week in math the students worked with the **hundreds chart**. They used their understanding of patterns on the chart to determine which number was missing, after I removed a number from the chart. They also played a new game called **Top-It with number cards**.

They played this game with dot cards...it's just like playing War with a deck of cards. It quickly became a class favorite, and can easily be played at home with a regular deck of cards.

Science Spin

This week our lesson focused on our sense of **touch**. The students enjoyed making collages out of magazine pictures of things that are hard or soft. We also had a lesson/experiment with a number of different items that they had to sort into categories based on how they feel. It's

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always meaningful learning when we can combine science and math!

The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we continued to look at Habit 6: Synergize-Together is Better. We read some books about teamwork and talked about how important it is to work well with others. This week we read a story from our 7 Habits book. **Ask your kindergartener about our story this week, called How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow. Rainbows are very special to us in this class, so this story was already a hit....even before I read the first page! Ask your kindergartener about what happened when the sun and clouds got into a fight. What was the result of that? How did one little box of crayons synergize (work together) to make things better? How did the story end? What did the sun and cloud learn about working together?**



Character Counts!

This week we began our focus on **INTEGRITY**. If you have **INTEGRITY** it means you do the right thing. We talk a lot about making good choices, and how important it is to take control of your own actions and to do what you know is right, regardless of what the kids around you may be doing. We read a book in class called **Fairness**

Comes First. Ask your kindergartener about the students at the Zoo School and what happened when they decided to have a race to see which animal was the fastest. What mistake did Lang make? If you have **INTEGRITY, does that mean you always follow the rules, even in a race? How did the friends at Zoo School fix the problem? Who won the race at the end, and who got the medal?**



Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartener will need each day, for a successful day of school:

** A **water bottle** and a **healthy snack**.

Please remember to save candy, cookies, and chips for lunch.

** Their **blue folder**. Please empty this each night. It will often contain homework or notes to be filled out and returned.

Return the **Song and Poetry Binder, **blue folder**, the **small treasure bag**, and your child's **water bottle** on Monday.

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