



Kindergarten News



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What's New?

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 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. We won't need any parent volunteers for this 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:

Office Buckle and Gloria



Next week's treasure book:
Frederick

Mark your calendar:

February 9th - PTA Sweetheart Dance

February 28th - ½ Day 12:10 dismissal

Check out our classroom photos... updated daily!

https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell_KDG

Reading Rocks!

This week we continued our latest reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week focused on learning that good readers listen to themselves when they read. If something does not sound right, or look right...you have to stop and fix it! We practiced looking at the pictures and thinking about the story, as well as looking at the words when reading.



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

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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:
and, of

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, it, like,
some

This Week's Rhymes:

Jack and Jill
Wee Willie Winkie

Growing Writers



This week we continued on our writing unit which focuses on writing **small moment stories**. The students worked to add their thoughts to their stories this week, and they also learned about close-in endings. That means that on both their first and last page, they are in the same place (location). This really helps them to narrow their focus and write a true small moment story, about only one thing...rather than telling about lots of different things in one story.

Math Matters!

This week in math, we played **Roll and Record**, which gave the students a chance to add small numbers and record their results on a graph. The

students also played **10 Bears on a Bus**. This gave them a chance to make combinations of 10. Finally this week, they worked on drawing shapes by finding them in our read aloud books.

Science Spin

This week our lesson focused again on our sense of **touch**. We spent some time with hot/cold packs....the students loved to see how they change from cold to hot, and from liquid to solid! The students also worked together to make collages out of magazine pictures of things that are hot or cold.



The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began our look at Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw: Balance is Best. We read some books about maintaining a balance in your life and talked about how important it is to do things for your mind, heart, soul, and body. That means that we need to make sure we are taking care of ourselves....our whole selves! Reading, writing, spending time with friends and family, playing, and eating healthy are all ways we can find a good balance in our lives. This week we read a story from our 7 Habits book. **Ask your kindergartener about our story this week, called Sleepy Sophia. Sophia was spending too much time reading and not enough time doing other activities. What did she learn to do that would take care of her body, heart, and soul?**

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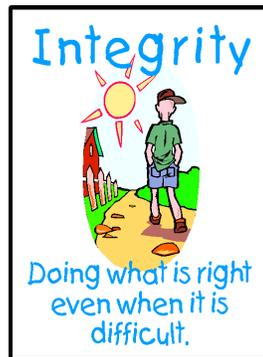


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Character Counts!

This week we continued our focus on **INTREGITY**. 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 **A Friend to Trust**. **What happened to Tiny, the new class pet at the Zoo School? How did Clarissa and the other students show integrity? How did the story end?**

Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartner 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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