



Kindergarten News



October 20th, 2017

What's New?

pencils will come home at the end of the day on Friday.

It was so great to see all of you at **parent teacher conferences** this week. I love to talk about your kids, and after meeting with all of you I can see why your kids are so **AWESOME!**

Halloween Information:

On the morning of **Halloween, October 31st**, we will be having some Halloween fun in our class! If your child would like to dress up, please have the student wear their costume to school (no masks please) and it must be a school-appropriate costume. Please consider leaving any accessories at home. We will be doing some fun activities and projects all morning, everyone is invited! The fun will take place from around 10:00-12:00. Each student must also bring a change of clothes, because they will be taking their costume off before lunch. Consider sending a bag with your child's name on it, so that we can get the costume back home easily.

Thank you to all who have signed up to donate something for our Halloween fun! If you have not yet had a chance to sign up and would like to, please click the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45ead28a20-halloween2>

Thanks for all of the **envelopes...**you can send them  in all through the year, and it will keep our writing center well stocked!



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

Today your child is bringing home his/her **Song and Poetry Binder**. This binder will come home each Friday and is to be returned on Monday. Please take some time this weekend to listen to your kindergartener read/sing the pages in his/her binder. There is also a section in the back for our Weekly Reader magazines. These provide the students with exposure to and practice with nonfiction text.



Today your child is bringing home his/her **treasure bag!** Please remove this treasure from the small bag and read over the paper that is included. The treasure can go into the large treasure bag that is located inside your child's folder. The large treasure bag stays at home...the small one goes back and forth each week, transporting a new treasure. Please return the small treasure bag to school on Monday.

This week's treasure Book: The Wednesday Surprise

Next week's treasure book:
The Art Lesson

Mark your calendar:

- October 31st- Halloween Fun (morning)
- November 3rd- Spirit Day: SCHOOL SPIRIT
- November 3rd - Fall Festival 6-8 pm
- November 7th - NO SCHOOL
- November 22nd-26th - Thanksgiving Recess (NO SCHOOL)

Check out our classroom photos... updated daily!

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Reading Rocks!

We are working on our new reading unit called **Emergent Readers**. This week the students learned how to tell a great story based on what they see in the pictures. They then try to use the same book to tell a different story, based on the pictures. This is a great foundational reading skill that can easily be practiced at home. Your kindergartener can either retell a favorite story while flipping through the book, or make up a new adventure....from an old favorite or a new book.



words to tell their stories, in addition to their pictures. They have really been practicing how to stretch words out, several times, to hear as many sounds as they can before finishing the word. As you saw in the writing samples at conferences, the students love to make pictures in their books, and that gives a great starting point for writing stories. Our goal is that they are able to write a simple sentence on each page, and that their pages go together.

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:

my, am

Our Heart Words:

I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in, to

This Week's Rhyme:
I'm A Little Teapot

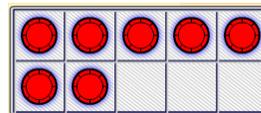
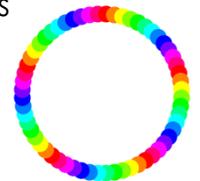
Growing Writers

We are continuing our second writing unit, Launching the Writer's Workshop. The students are currently working on using



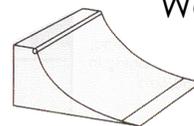
Math Matters!

This week in math, the students spent a day focused on the properties of circles. They also went on a circle search in magazines, and cut them out and made great team



circles. We also continued to work on adding one, and the students worked together with ten frames and counters to make numbers in different ways. *Due to both half days, we had a limited number of math lessons this week. Back at it full time next week!*

Science Spin



We are making good progress with our first science unit entitled "Kindergarten in Motion". This week we learned all about the effect **weight** has on an object's motion. Through the use of ramps and various balls/containers, the students observed that the heavier an object is, the faster it moves.

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The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began our focus on **Habit 1: It's Up To Me** (Be Proactive) We read **The Lonely Firefly** by Eric Carle. The firefly was using Habit 1, because he took his wish of finding other fireflies into his own hands ...and didn't wait for them to find him, and he did it all on his own. We

continue to talk about the fact that everyone is responsible for making their own choices, and is only in charge of themselves. At Randolph, each student is held accountable for their own learning and their own choices. I encourage the students to be independent and take care of many things on their own, such as asking for help when needed, and working out conflicts with classmates.

*And as great bonus learning, the firefly in the story also showed a lot of **GRIT** (our last character focus word) because even though it was hard, and he faced a lot of challenges, he never, ever gave up on looking for other fireflies.*

Character Counts!

This week we continued to focus on RESPECT. Having **RESPECT** means you take care of things and people. It has been a great way to teach the class about how important it is to take care of the things we have in our classroom, which they are really committed to doing. That's why we have such a great space to work in every day. We talk a lot about other ways to show respect at school and home. They are learning that it feels good to be respected, so it's important to give that same feeling to others.

Plus as a bonus they have seen that it make them feel good to respect their classmates and friends. **Ask your kindergartner about the animals in our read aloud, The Little Bully. How was Fred acting in the story? How did it make Billy feel? What did Billy do about it? How did things change at the end of the story?**

Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartner will need each day, for a successful day of school:
** A **water bottle** and a **healthy snack**.
** 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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