



Kindergarten News



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What's New?

NEST Meeting

Today we had our first Randolph Roadrunner NEST Meeting. Every student at Randolph, K-4, is part of a NEST group with a teacher/staff member other than myself. Once each month, your student will travel to his/her NEST teacher and complete a lesson with his/her NEST group. The lessons will be based on Leader In Me and Character skills. Also once each month, we will meet as an entire school at a Roadrunner Rally to further develop our sense of community and foster positive relationships between all students and staff members at Randolph.



The Student Lighthouse Team at Randolph is hosting a **Canned/Boxed Food Drive** to support the Livonia Goodfellows through 11-17. Thanks for all who have donated and for bring a can today for **CRAZY HAIR DAY!** Don't miss your chance to participate in **HAT DAY** next Friday....bring a can/box of food to donate!

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.



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:
Goodnight Moon

Next week's treasure book:
Where the Wild Things Are

Mark your calendar:

- November 17-** Hat Day...bring a can!
- November 21-** Stuffed Animal & Slipper Day (to celebrate our goal met for the food drive!)
- November 22nd-26th** - Thanksgiving Recess (NO SCHOOL)

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

Reading Rocks!

We are sailing through our reading unit called **Emergent Readers**. This week the students continued to practice connecting the pages in a book. We also continued to practice making connections. They have been learning that connections are just one way that readers talk about books. They



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have been working on sharing strong feelings while they read, as well as looking closely at the characters in their books. Examining similarities and differences between characters is a great way for readers to think and talk about books.

This week in math we worked on the beginning of our number book. The students are making pages, which will be assembled into a book when we are finished. We also worked on measuring (**comparing** the lengths of objects) and position words. They made obstacle courses on their tables out of blocks and used **position words** to get their bears through the course.

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.

Science Spin



We are really enjoying our new science unit...**My Five Senses**. The students loved making popcorn with the air popper...it gave them a chance to explore with all 5 senses, and it was an awesome way to kick off our new unit! You will want to check out the pictures on our daily update. They were in awe of the air popper!

New Words This Week:

at, can

Our Heart Words:

I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in, to, my, am, is, an, all

This Week's Rhyme:

Little Bo Peep

Growing Writers

We are continuing on with our new writing unit, **Label and List**. This week, the students made two books. One was about a leaf and another about a rock.



We are really working on being observant like scientists and when writing, stretching out all of the sounds in a word and writing them down. This week I also started to remind them that only the first word in their sentence should be capital and they need to have a period at the end of their sentence.

The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began to focus on **Habit 3: Put First Things First**. It is really all about time management, and remembering to **work first and then play**. We have lots of opportunities to practice that in school, and I bet there are lots at home, too! **This week we read a story about Pokey Porcupine and his spelling test. Ask your kindergartener about what happened when he decided to spend his week playing instead of studying! What did Pokey do with the drum at the end of the story?**

Math Matters!

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Character Counts!

This week we continued our focus on **CONFIDENCE**. Having **CONFIDENCE** means you believe in yourself. It has been a great way to teach the class about how important it is to give yourself a chance to do something that you think you can't do (like zipping your own coat!). We also talked about how confidence means not being afraid to be yourself. Even when someone may not like the same things you do. **Ask your kindergartner about our read aloud this week, The Shark Who Was Afraid of Everything.**

What was Sharkie like in the beginning of the story? Who did he meet when he swam far away? When did he stop being scared and start being confident? 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**.
- ** 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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