



Kindergarten News



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What's New?

Today your kindergartener is bringing home the **DECEMBER FAMILY PROJECT**. I thought maybe you would like to spend some of the days off next week working on it. I am excited to get them into the hallway and spread a little Christmas cheer!



Today you will find a **Scholastic Book Order** in your child's folder. Please take a moment to look through the brochure, and you can also order online....the book choices are limitless there! You will find a link to order online on my webpage, and there are also online ordering instructions on the back of the green note coming home today. If you decide to order online, please order by midnight on 12-1. If you choose to use the brochure, please send it to school with payment on or before 11-30. If you would like the books you order to be Christmas gifts, let me know and I can get them to you without your child seeing them.



Thanks to all of the families who donated cans and boxes of food for our canned food drive. Today was a lot of fun, wearing hats in school is a special treat and it really increased the amount of cans we received. Our collection boxes are overflowing! Once we get the final count, we will know if we reached our goal of 40 filled boxes, school

wide. If so...then next Tuesday will be stuffed animal and slipper day!

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 once 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: Where the Wild Things Are

Next week's treasure book:
NO new treasure book....review week

Mark your calendar:

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

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December 1st - NO SCHOOL
(elementary only)

December 7th - Is our day to shop at the Randolph Santa Shop

The Randolph PTA is hosting a Secret Santa Shop to provide the students the opportunity to shop for family members/friends for the holidays. Further information will be coming from the PTA, as well as a Sing-Up Genius, should you choose to volunteer to work at the Santa Shop. The students will also be getting an envelope for you to put money into that they can shop with (shopping is optional). Stay tuned for further details coming soon!

the books you read, or in the poetry binder that came home today.

New Words This Week:
me, mom, dad

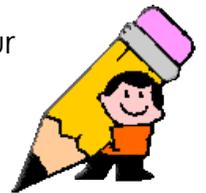
Our Heart Words:
I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in,
to, my, am, is, an, all, at, can

This Week's Rhyme:



Growing Writers

We are cruising through our writing unit, Writing Like Scientists. The students have several pieces in their folders and have been studying rocks, leaves, pinecones, and acorns. They are focusing on including details in their drawings and have been sorting our class collections to write about.



Math Matters!

This week in math we worked on making many representations of the same number. You saw a practice paper come home on Wednesday, and we then made a final paper, and those are hanging up. They look great! This week we also played Spin a Number to practice 1-1 counting as well as good sportsmanship. Finally, we played Line Up, to practice sequencing numbers. We are also continuing to add pages to our number books.

Science Spin

We are really enjoying our new science unit...**My Five**



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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 ways to talk about books. This week we focused on **saying more**, going even further with our thinking. The students also learned about **evidence**. They were asked to share their thoughts about a book, and then provide evidence from the story to explain why they feel the way they do.

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



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Senses. This week we focused on the sense of sight. We learned about the kinds of things we can learn by using our eyes (and our eyes only) and how our eyes help us to learn more about our world.

The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we continued 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 the book *The Little Red Hen*. Ask your kindergartener about what happened when the hen asked the other animals for help with the work. Ask him/her about what happened at the end of the book when the Hen baked a cake and all the animals wanted to help her eat it! Finally, ask your kindergartner about how the cat, dog, and mouse changed at the end of the book.**

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 Bravest Fish*. You could talk about the following with your student: What happened when Stanley woke up late? How did he feel when he couldn't find his school (friends)? How do you know he had confidence? What happened at the 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.

Please consider sending a hat and gloves to school for recess. If you could put your child's name in them, that would be great! Also, if your child is not able to put on his her/coat AND zip it...please, please, please practice this at home! They get really stuck when the sleeves are turned inside out, or when it's a coat within a coat. Help!!



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