



# Kindergarten News



November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

What's New?



Your kindergartener has reached the end of his/her first trimester of school! Only two more to go, and then you will have a first grader! It has been a joy to watch the students grow and change...I am thrilled with their assessment results. Report cards will be coming home Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is very important to note that the report cards are standards based report cards, which means that the standards (skills) that you will see are goals for the END OF THE YEAR. Therefore, there is no need to worry if your child has not yet met any or all of the standards (MS). At this point in the year, we are hoping to see the students approaching at least some of the standards (AS) and I assure you that I am keeping close track of where they are, and addressing the needs of anyone who is not yet approaching (NYAS) any or all of the standards.

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 that came home the week before last.

**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:**  
Blueberries for Sal

Next week's treasure book:  
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

**Tomorrow is the deadline for placing orders online for Scholastic Books!**



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## Mark your calendar:

December 7<sup>th</sup>- Randolph Santa Shop

December 8<sup>th</sup>- Report Cards will come home

**Check out our classroom photos...  
updated daily!**

[https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell\\_KDG](https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell_KDG)

## **Our Heart Words:**

I, you, we, the, up, go, so, as, see, in,  
to, my, am, is, an, all, at, can, me, mom  
dad



**This Week's Rhyme:**  
Mary Had A Little  
Lamb

## **Reading Rocks!**

We have finished our reading unit, called, **Emergent Readers**. The students celebrated their favorite books this week by sharing them with the class. This week we have also been working on asking and answering questions about books. You can do this at home as well. When your child reads a book, or when you read a book aloud, ask your kindergartener questions about the story, the characters, their actions/feelings...and also encourage your kindergartener to ask questions about the book. They love to do "I wonders..." and are getting better and better at it.



## **Growing Writers**

We are making great progress in our writing unit. The students have a great collection of books in their writing folders. They are learning to write nonfiction books, to teach someone about something. They have used all that they have observed about our class collections of rocks, leaves, pinecones, and acorns to create books that ask questions, just like scientists 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 the books you read, or in the poetry binder that came home today.

**New Words This Week:**  
had, little

## **Math Matters!**

This week in math the students played a new game called Roll and Record, where they worked on counting and graphing skills. They also used number cards to work on sequencing and comparing numbers, and they LOVED the game Monster Squeeze! You have a take-home version today in your child's orange folder. Give it a try!



## **Science Spin**

No science lesson this week. We will continue with our new unit next week.

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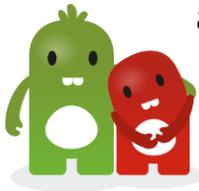
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## The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. We have been learning about Habit 4 this week: **Everyone Can Win** (Think Win-Win). The idea is that when there is a conflict, or a difference of opinion, the people who are involved can work on coming up with a third

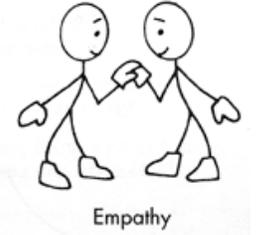


alternative...a way for both people to be happy with the result. This way there is not one winner and one loser, but instead two

people who have made a compromise. This life skill also applies even where there is no conflict and this week we have been reading books that contain characters who model sharing, thinking of others, and kindness. **This week we read a book called The Doorbell Rang to learn about Habit 4. Ask your kindergartener about what happened to Sam and Victoria's cookies every time the doorbell rang! How did they use Habit 4- Everyone Can Win? Also, ask them about the surprise at the end of the story....who was the last person to ring the doorbell? We also read a story from our 7 Habits book, called Lily Plants a Garden. In this story, Lily and her mom came up with a compromise and it pleased both of them. Ask your kindergartener what Lily did to make sure a garden was a success for her family?**

## Character Counts!

This week we continued our focus on EMPATHY. Having **EMPATHY** means you share the feelings of others. It has been a great way to teach the



class about how important it is to think of others and how our actions can affect other people. This week we read **Oh Bother, Someone's Fighting**. Ask your kindergartener what happened when Rabbit and Tigger had different ideas about what Eeyore should do for fun. Things did not go well at first, but then they started to show **EMPATHY....and things turned around for the better. How did the story end? What did they learn from this book?**

## 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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