



Kindergarten News



December 15th, 2017

What's New?

We have made it through the entire alphabet...A-Z, capital and lower case. Whooo hooo! That means...no more letter homework (woohoo!). The students brought home their yellow ABC book, which they are free to add to at their own leisure at home. We are going to keep our other ABC books at school for a while; they provide great reading material for the students.



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!

We will be doing some special Christmas activities and having some special snacks on **Friday, December 22nd**, in the morning. We hope to begin around 9:30, so that we can have everything finished up before the sing-along at 11:20. If you would like to sign up to donate, please click below:



<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45aead28a20-kindergarten1>

If you would like to come in and lend a hand that morning, all are welcome. You can come in anytime. 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.



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:
Noisy Nora

Next week's treasure book:
NO new treasure book

Mark your calendar:

December 22nd - AM Class Christmas Fun

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December 22nd- 11:20 All School Sing Along and Christmas Spirit Day (wear your Christmas shirts or red & green)
There is **NO SCHOOL Monday, December 25th** - Friday, January 5th. School resumes Monday, January 8th.

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

This Week's Rhymes:

Jack Be Nimble

Growing Writers

We have finished our unit on writing like a scientists. The students will now be reading their best piece of work aloud to the class. **Please take a moment to look through all of the drafts they brought home on Tuesday.** This will give you an indication of how your child's writing skills are progressing. The expectation is that they have short sentences on most pages, that their books stay on topic, are true/informaional, and have pictures that are labeled and colored.

Math Matters!

This week in math the students used tally marks as data collection and then made a class graph of our favorite colors. We also read the book Caps for Sale and made a graph to show the hats that the peddler was selling. The students also had a calculator lesson, and that was a smashing success...they were so excited!

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

Reading Rocks!

This week we continued to work on our reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week continued to focus on learning what a pattern book is (most of the words are the same on each page), figuring out the pattern and holding it in your head; using the cover, title and pictures to determine what the story is about, and pointing to each word on the page 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 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:

be, over



Science Spin

This week we focused on how tool can help improve our sense of sight. We talked about glasses/contacts, microscopes and

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magnifying glasses. The students then used magnifying glasses to examine the items in our class collections. They looked up close at leaves, pinecones, rocks, and acorns.

The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began a more in depth look at Habit 5: Listen Before You Talk. We read some books about listening with more than just your ears. In order to really be a good listener, the students are learning that it's important to listen with your eyes and your heart as well. This week we read a story from our 7 Habits book. **Ask your kindergartner about Jumper Rabbit, and what happened when Goob Bear tried to tell him about his butterfly net. What did Jumper Rabbit learn from Lily Skunk when he didn't know what little Ali was saying?**

Character Counts!

This week we began our focus on **RESPONSIBILITY**. Being **RESPONSIBLE** means to take care of things and it also means to own your own actions. This is a great skill to have in a kindergarten classroom, and really anywhere! This week we read a book called Ready to Be Responsible. **Ask your kindergartner**

Be Responsible



I follow the teacher's directions.

about the animals in Mr. Pillar's class and why they were so excited. What did Emilio help them learn 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**. 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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