



Kindergarten News



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What's New?

Today the students had an assembly about staying safe when using the internet. Ask them about what they learned! You will also be getting an email from Mrs. Zaar/Mr D. with further information.

With the snow day last Friday and the not one but TWO special days of celebration this week, we didn't quite get through all of our plans...but we will continue to do some catch-up next week.

The Valentine card collection boxes were GREAT! You all did an awesome job and the kids had an absolute blast delivering cards to all of their classmates. Thank you! The students had a wonderful Valentin's Day together, celebrating with their friends.



What a great milestone to reach....our 100th day of kindergarten! Thanks for the great collections of 100....we really enjoyed sharing them all. We will display them for a little while in class. Thank you as well for all of the donations! It's hard to believe that the kindergarten picnic was so many months ago. I think back now to when I first met these amazing little kiddos, and they suddenly don't seem so little anymore. I wish this year would slow down, I don't think I will be ready to say good bye to this bunch. And their parents are pretty awesome, too. 😊

Many of the students have filled their song and poetry binder almost to

capacity! Take a look at your child's binder this weekend to see if you think he/she may benefit from a larger one, or perhaps a second binder to add future materials to.

Box Tops Contest

The PTA is sponsoring another Box Tops contest between all of the classrooms here at Randolph. We came in 2nd place during the first school wide contest. Thanks to all of you who have been filling our collection jar once again. Keep it up!

Contest ends February 20th.



Winter is still here...and so is the MUD! If your child wears **snow boots** to school, please send extra shoes! We like to leave wet and muddy boots in the hallway so the rugs and floor in our classroom stay dry. We sit on the floor a lot. 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.



This week's treasure Book:
A Pocket for Corduroy



Next week's treasure book:
No new treasure book- time to reread!

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Mark your calendar:

February 16th- PTA Sweetheart Dance

February 19th- NO SCHOOL

February 28th- $\frac{1}{2}$ Day 12:10 dismissal

This Week's Rhymes:

Hot Cross Buns!

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

https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell_KDG

Growing Writers

This week we continued with our writing unit....**pattern books.**

The students now have at least 3 pattern books in their writing folders. This week, we added covers to some of our books, and learned about how to pick the best title for the book. The students continue to work on making sure their pages all go together/are on the same topic. Finally this week, we talked about how the pictures that they students draw in their books, really need to support/match the words they write.



Reading Rocks!



This week we continued our new reading unit, **Pattern Books.**

Our lessons this week focused on rereading books multiple times until we were able to read them smoothly, with no "bumps". It's like riding a bike down the smooth sidewalk or a bumpy dirt road.

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, and/or in the poetry binder that came home today.



New Words This Week:
here, she

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, be, over, his, good, said, do, on, got, it, like, some, and, of, he, put, there, look, off

Math Matters!

This week in math, we finally reached **100 days of school!** We are very excited to be in triple-digit numbers! The students spent time this week writing numbers on their number scrolls. This is a new project they will be able to work on throughout the remainder of the year. It will provide practice writing numbers and using a hundreds chart.

Science Spin

This week our final 5 Senses lesson focused on our sense of **taste.** The students had a chance to learn about taste buds, and how they help us experience different kinds of foods. We even had a couple of taste tests....that was lots of fun! They were

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NOT fans of the salt water, or the sugar water. But they LOVED the Fruit Loop taste test and the Skittles challenge. Ask them about it and try it at home....it's actually really hard! We had so much fun



tasking we didn't have time to work on our journal pages. We will do that next week.

****Return the Song and Poetry Binder, blue folder, the small treasure bag, and your child's water bottle on Monday.**

The Leader in Me

We will resume our focus and read alouds on the habits next week!

Character Counts!

We will resume our focus and read alouds on good character traits next week!

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.

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