



# Kindergarten News



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## What's New?

# Winners!

Due to the fact that our class won the PTA Box Tops contest....we have been given a Pump It Up party! It will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. Pump It Up is located at 34700 Warren Road, Westland 48185. Each student will be able to bounce, free of charge and they will also receive pizza and a juice box. They have a list of the students in our class, and they will be admitted free of charge. I'm sorry, I have been told siblings may not attend. Hope to see you there!

Today the students received a **new toothbrush kit**, from Colgate. We read a book and watched a video about taking good care of our teeth. Lots of fun!

**REPORT CARDS COME HOME TODAY**  
**I am excited about all of the progress, academically, and socially, that the students have made. Please look in the blue folder for your child's report card.**

The PTA is still in need of donations for our Spring Fling Raffle baskets. Please send in donations by **Tuesday, March 20th**. They would appreciate any donation to the following theme baskets: Princess, Super Heroes, Lego, Star Wars, Family Game Night, Michigan State, U of M, Nerf, Barbie, Movie Night & Arts and Crafts.

## MARCH IS READING MONTH

Randolph has many fun activities planned throughout the month. Please refer to the information packet and calendar that came home earlier this month. Don't forget to record the books you read at home and your reading minutes on the reading log and turn it in at the end of each week.

**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:**  
Breman Town Musicians



Next week's treasure book:  
 When Sophie Gets Angry

## Mark your calendar:

March 19<sup>th</sup>-READ shirt day  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Spirit Day- Read my HAT  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup>- PTA Spring Fling

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

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## Reading Rocks!



This week we finished our reading unit, **Pattern Books**. Our lessons this week focused on being able to share a book with a partner...by acting all or part of it out. The class really did well with this, being mindful not to disturb others but still have meaningful time book sharing. It was a beneficial and entertaining activity! We will start on our new unit, **Reading Strategies**, next week.

## 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:**  
get, him

### 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, here, she, are, what, come, day, play, want, when, will

This Week's Rhyme:  
Star Light, Star Bright  
Goldfish

## Growing Writers

This week we began our new writing unit, **How-To Books**. We are off to a great start, these boys and girls know how to do so much! They first brainstormed a list of things they know how to do, and could teach others. They moved into then making covers and finally this week we practiced saying the steps to each other, and even acting them out to ensure we didn't forget anything. We spent a short time putting the steps onto paper, and will do more of this next week. At home, try to work some How-To language into your activities...it will help as the students work to create their books, especially with sequencing.



## Math Matters!

This week, the students worked on sorting items by attributes, and we are learning to use a lot of different vocabulary to describe and sort things. They also played Disappearing Train to practice subtraction. Our lesson called Bears Hiding was great fun, and it was excellent practice with making 10s. We also combined the two train games this week...that really kept them on their toes! To finish out

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the week, we had a great lesson about solids (3D) and flat shapes (2D)...and they even used paint...it was one of their favorite lessons ever!

## Science Spin



This week for science, we continued on with our new unit **My Earth**. We planted lots of seeds, and we are going to see which ones grow the best. We also took a close look at rocks, and the students made meaningful observations, which were recorded in their journals.

## The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. We will resume with our Habit review read-alouds next week

## Character Counts!

This week we began our focus on **REFLECTION**. When you **REFLECT**, it means that you take the time to think hard about things, perhaps with some analysis to understand them better. You learn from your experiences and make adjustments along the way. We talk a lot about how we can use reflection in our classroom, and how it will help to make our days better and better. We read a book in class called Jamaica's Find. This was a great

story that allowed us to talk about several of our character words, such as **REFLECTION**, **EMPATHY**, **RESPECT** and **INTEGRITY**. Jamaica found herself in a difficult place when she found a stuffed dog at the park and she really wanted to keep it.

Ask your kindergartener how the good character traits listed above helped Jamaica to make the right choice. How did she feel when she turned the dog into the lost and found? How did she feel when she met Kristin and helped her get her dog back?

We also read a book called The Way I Feel, to practice doing some **REFLECTION**. This is a story about feelings, and they are presented in a way that the students can identify with. They were able to make their own connections and do some reflecting on times when they have experienced frustration, pride, jealousy, fear, and happiness....just to name a few. We talked about how reflecting on one's own feelings allows us to better understand ourselves and perhaps approach things differently when those feelings (if they are undesired) come back. It's also great to allow yourself to reflect on good feelings...like being happy, silly or excited!

## Friendly Reminders

Things your kindergartner will need each day, for a successful day of school:

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**\*\* 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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