



Kindergarten News



April 27th, 2018

What's New?

Kindergarten COLOR DAYS were a blast...thanks for participating...all of the coordinating clothes and snacks made it a ton of fun.

This week we read more fantastic color stories each day, and made cool projects for each color. We have our final color day next week.

Monday 4/30- pink day

May is MATH MONTH

This week, your kindergartener brought home a packet of information and math problems for math month. The theme is Star Wars- "May the Math Be With You".

If you and your child would like to participate in this school wide activity, please note the due dates for each math problem. For each Friday that your child turns in a math problem, he/she may then participate in a special spirit day the following Monday.

Week One

Due Date: 5/4/18

Spirit Day: 5/7/18 Star Wars

Shirt Day (for those who complete their math problem)

If you have not yet responded to the family swim night email that came out earlier this week, please do so and let me

know if you think your family will be able to attend. Thanks!

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:



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Next week's treasure book:
Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse

Mark your calendar:

- Cookies & Canvas- April 27th @ 6:00 pm
- Hands on Museum Field Trip- May 4th
- 50's Sockhop Dance- May 4th @ 6:00 pm
- BOGO Book Fair- May 8th-11th
- Muffins with Mom- May 11th @ 7:50 am
- Kindergarten Show- June 4th (evening)
- Field Day- June 6th
- Swim Night- June 11th 5:30-8:00 pm
- Kindergarten Ceremony- June 13th (afternoon)

Check out our classroom photos... updated daily!

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Reading Rocks!

This week we continued with our new unit, **Reading Strageties**. This week we practiced rereading by



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studying the picture to determine what is happening in the story. Once the student establishes the general idea of the story, he/she can then check the words to see if their ideas were correct. The more thinking a student does about a book, the better his/her comprehension will be.

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:

this, that, was

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, get, him, yes, no, for, have, now, did, looking, went, down, must, not, where, your

This Week's Rhyme:

This Little Piggy



Growing Writers

This week we began our new writing unit, **Opinion Letters**. We have been reading books that contain letters, to learn about the format and style of letter writing. This week the students also began to talk about their opinions and strong feelings in the books they are reading. These will be used to write opinion letters in the weeks to come.

Math Matters!

This week in math, the students continued to collect data for their class survey. The students also wrote subtraction math stories for a class book. We began our class collection of **BOTTLE CAPS!** Thank you for sending them in...we will be collecting them for about a month.

Science Spin

This week for science, we began our final unit for the year, **Is It Living?** This week we read the classic Eric Carle book, **The Tiny Seed** to learn about the different ways that seeds can travel. We also studied and sorted many kinds of seeds, and we planted some new ones. We are hoping for more sprouts than we had last time!



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The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began to review **Habit 1: Be Proactive (I'm In Charge of Me)**. We read the classic story, **The Carrot Seed**. In this story, a little boy never gives up on the seed he planted.

Everyone around him tells him that it will never grow but he makes up his mind and sticks to it! He decides that **it's up to him**, because he is the only one who is committed to making sure his seed is well cared for. He demonstrates many of our good character qualities as well, such as **grit** and **responsibility**. Ask your kindergartener what happened at the end of the story. It was a BIG surprise!

Character Counts!

This week we began to review all of the good character traits we have learned this year.

We continued our review this week by looking once again at **responsibility**. We read a book called **Farmer Duck**. In this story, there is a very lazy farmer, who makes the duck do all the work on the farm. Eventually, the other animals get fed up with the lazy farmer and run him off of the farm. Duck, along with the other animals, take over all of the jobs on the farm, and because they are very **responsible** (unlike the farmer), they end up living happily ever after.

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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