



# Kindergarten News



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## What's New?

Today the students emptied their writing folders, so take a look at their opinion writing. Several different opinion papers have already come home, on which they had to make a choice and explain their reason. As I am sure you have seen, these have gotten better throughout the unit. Their writing skills have improved, as well as their ability to defend their choice in a logical way. Today they will be bringing home some practice and final drafts of the letters they have been writing. They are book recommendations. Enjoy!

## 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.

**If your child turned in this week's problem (week 2),**

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**his/her spirit day is this Monday  
5/14...wear a pajama day!**

## Week Three

**Due Date: 5/18/18**

**Spirit Day: 5/21/18 Crazy Hair  
day**

**(for those who complete their week  
three math problem)**

**If you have not yet responded to the  
family swim night email/note that came  
out earlier, please do so and let me know  
if you think your family will be able to  
attend our optional swim night at Burton  
Hollow Swim Club on 6/11. 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:**

**Miss Nelson Is Missing**



Next week's treasure  
book:  
Swimmy





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## Mark your calendar:

- Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>- ½ Day
- Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>- No School
- Donuts with Dad- June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Kindergarten Show- June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm
- Field Day- June 7<sup>th</sup>
- MOD Pizza Night- June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Swim Night- June 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 pm
- Kindergarten Ceremony- June 13<sup>th</sup> 1:45 pm
- Half Days- June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School- June 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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## Reading Rocks!

This week we began our new unit, **Reading Nonfiction**. This week our lessons included learning to identify nonfiction book as opposed to fiction books. The students also worked on getting their minds "ready" to read based on the topic of the book they are preparing to read. Our final lesson this week gave the students a chance to not only get their minds ready to read, but to focus on what they already know about it. Tapping into ones prior knowledge on a topic can and will help to improve one's comprehension 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, and/or in the poetry binder that came home today.



## **New Words This Week:**

**saw, came, too**

## **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, that, was, how, they, with

**This Week's Rhyme:**  
Pop Goes the Weasel

## Growing Writers



This week we finished with our writing unit, **Opinion Letters**. This week the students continued to draft opinion letters about their favorite books. They are working on completing the entire

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writing process by first drafting a practice copy and then rewriting it into a final, polished piece. They have also been working on a variety of opinion pieces in which they have to make a choice and defend their decision with a reason.

## Math Matters!

This week in math, the students practiced addition with a new game called Dice Addition. They enjoyed some friendly competition while working on their math skills. We also played a game called Mystery Block... this activity encourages great problem-solving skills. The students used deductive reasoning to figure out the "mystery block". They also did more work with shapes that involved identifying and describing shapes by their attributes, without looking at them. We used our sense of touch!

## Science Spin



This week we got up close and personal with our classroom pets....earthworms! Always an exciting lesson...the students were able to see the worms out of their habitat and observe their bodies and their movements. We learned about how they help the earth and how important they are. I am sure you will hear about this lesson...and don't forget to check out the great pictures!

## The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began to review **Habit 2: Put First Things First**. We revisited an old treasure book, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. During this reread of a classroom favorite, we examined how the little caterpillar knew that he wanted to become a butterfly and in order to do so, he needed to take care of himself. He needed to eat lots and lots of food, build his cocoon and then wait patiently. In the end he became the butterfly he always wanted to be...a beautiful butterfly! It is sometimes hard to wait, especially when there is work to be done first...but we talked about if you have **GRIT** and can stay on track, your efforts will be rewarded in the end. Now that little caterpillar can fly wherever he wants to!

## 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 **mindfulness**. Being **mindful** means that you pay close attention to things around you. You notice what is happening, and you remember to live in the moment. We read a story this week, called I Like to be Little. In this story, the main character is little girl who loves being little...and is in no hurry to be a grown-up. She cherishes and relishes the moments and

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experiences of childhood. She is very **mindful**, and takes nothing for granted.

## 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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