



Kindergarten News

May 4th, 2018



What's New?

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 1), his/her spirit day is this Monday 5/7...wear a Star Wars shirt day!

Week Two

Due Date: 5/11/18

Spirit Day: 5/14/18 PJ day
(for those who complete their week two 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 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:



Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse

Next week's treasure book:
Miss Nelson is Missing!

Mark your calendar:

- Hands on Museum Field Trip- May 4th
- BOGO Book Fair- May 8th-11th
- Muffins with Mom- May 11th @ 7:50 am
- Friday, May 25th- ½ Day
- Monday, May 28th- No School
- Kindergarten Show- June 4th (evening)
- Field Day- June 6th
- MOD Pizza Night- June 6th
- Swim Night- June 11th 5:30-8:00 pm
- Kindergarten Ceremony- June 13th (afternoon)

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Reading Rocks!

This week we continued with our new unit, **Reading**

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Strategies. This week we practiced reading with a talking voice. The students listened to the story **The Three Little Pigs** read aloud online and the reader did a great job with voices...she was a great story teller. We practiced reading like we are talking...smoothly and with expression. This week we also learned how to be a cheerleader to another reader...by offering support in the way of tips/reminders and offering encouraging words after someone reads a book.

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:

how, they, with

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

This Week's Rhyme:

Mary, Mary Quite Contrary

Growing Writers



This week we continued with our writing unit, **Opinion Letters**. This week the students began drafting their opinion letters and they even spent a day working on rewriting some of them into final copies! They used the books in their book box to make connections, and they chose someone to recommend the book to. That is who they are writing their letter to. They already have a few letters in their folders. Ask your kindergartener who he/she is writing one of his/her letters to!

Math Matters!

This week in math, the students used their collected data to create graphs. They look great! We also had a lesson about estimation, and the class used their skills on our class estimation jar.

Science Spin

This week we completed a journal page about the story we read last week, **The Tiny Seed**. And we are delighted to see some of our seeds sprouting!

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The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began to review **Habit 2: Have a Plan**. We revisited an old treasure book, **Click, Clack, Moo**. In this story, both the farmer and the cows make a plan. Ask your kindergartner about what those plans were...and whose plan worked out better in the end? We also read a book by Eric Carle called **Pancakes, Pancakes**. In this story, the little boy wants a pancake....so his mom helps him make one. He makes a plan because he knows that in the end he wants a pancake...then he does everything necessary to make one. He is also very **proactive** (Habit 1) and **responsible** (one of our good character words)!

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 talked about some of the characters from our read-alouds this week, and we also looked at our actions in the classroom and we found students all around us being **responsible**. Way to go, leaders!

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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