



# Kindergarten News



September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## What's New?

### Handwriting Homework

We have started our letter handwriting practice. We plan to practice two letters per week. You will see our in class practice papers come home completed or nearly completed. These can be finished at home but do not need to be returned. You will also see about 2 handwriting homework pages per week. These have upper case practice on one side and lower case practice on the other side. **There is also a small stamp on them that says "homework"**. Please see that these pages are completed and returned to school. The students will earn a sticker on the class chart for every homework paper they complete and return. Please make sure they write their name on it!

Today your kindergartener is bringing home his/her first **FAMILY PROJECT**. These will come home once a month. Please see the note inside the envelope for the directions and due date.

Please always return the envelope with the finished family project. I will reuse them each month.

Thank you for the overwhelming amount of school supplies you all donated. We will be set for quite a while! There is only one item that we use every day that we didn't get many packs of...**napkins**. We have 3 packs, which will last for a few weeks...so maybe you could just keep it in mind, and if you are willing and able- we could use a few more packs in the coming months. We use one every day at snack, so that's 26 each day!

Today your child will bring home his/her **new blue home folder!** Please remember to take a look at our schedule on the front and homework

calendar on the back. On the homework calendar please color or initial the activities that you finish with your child each night. On the back of your **homework calendar** is the monthly **reading log**. Please have your child color one symbol for every night that he/she reads for 5-10 minutes, or that you read to him/her. Please also note that there are two different sides on the inside of the folder. We are going to work really hard to separate all papers into those two groups, papers that should stay home and papers that need to be returned. You will also note that on the "Return to School" side, there is a pink page, called the **message board**. Please leave this paper in the folder at all times, and use it to write messages/notes. I will check the page each day, when I empty the folders. Please also note that there is a column in which you can indicate whether or not your child will be having school lunch or if he/she brought lunch from home. (H=hot lunch/school lunch C=cold lunch/brought from home)

Today your child is bringing home his/her **Song and Poetry Binder**. This binder will come home each Friday and is to be returned on Monday. Please take some time this weekend to listen to your kindergartener read/sing the pages in his/her binder. There is also a section in the back for our Weekly Reader magazines. These provide the students with invaluable exposure to and practice with nonfiction text. A big THANK YOU to the Randolph PTA for covering the cost of these weekly

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magazines. If you have not yet joined the PTA, please consider doing so!

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Today your child is bringing home his/her **treasure bag!**



Please remove this treasure from the small bag and read over the paper that is included. The treasure can go into the large treasure bag that is located inside your child's folder. The large treasure bag stays at home...the small one goes back and forth each week, transporting a new treasure. Please return the small treasure bag to school on Monday.

## This week's treasure Book:

Miss. Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

Mark your calendar:

**Open House and Curriculum Night** is on 9/19 at 5:30 pm. You will hear all about your child's busy day in kindergarten.

Please bring any and all questions!

**Picture Day is September 28<sup>th</sup>.** A picture order form came home on Wednesday in your child's folder. If you choose to order online, there is no need to complete or return the paper order form. If you choose to use the paper order form, please return it to school with payment on or before 9/28.

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



## Reading Rocks!

We have gotten off to a great start in our first reading unit. Our lessons this week have focused on our lives as readers. The students are working on choosing which book they want to read, and then using their imagination to create an adventure by looking at the pictures. We also had lessons on how to care for our books, and how to change our voice volume.

## 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, or in the poetry binder that came home today.



## New Words This Week:

I, you, we

## Our Heart Words:

I, you, we

## This Week's Rhyme:

Ice Cream

## Growing Writers

We started our first writing unit this week. It is an **oral language unit**, which focuses on



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storytelling. The students are learning how to be a good speaker and an effective listener. This week we also continued to play The Name Game. This community building activity provides us with the opportunity to practice correct letter formation each day...and it's a lot of fun! When your child's turn comes, he/she will bring home his/her Name Game book, which is created by all of the students in our class.

## Math Matters!

This week in math, the students practiced 1-1 counting, played a new game called



Count and Sit, and we began our featured number work. This week we featured the numbers 0, 1, and 2.

## Science Spin

We began our first science unit this week, and it is entitled **Kindergarten in Motion**. We focused on the school playground and all of the motion that happens there.

## The Leader in Me

This week we learned that Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school.

We will be learning the 7 Habits of Happy Kids this year. Stay tuned! We have also been learning about what the word "**habit**" means, and what good habits, and bad habits are. Talk with your kindergartener about what good habits you practice at home.

## Character Counts!

Livonia Public School introduced a new initiative last year that centers on incorporating the teaching and understanding of 8 important character traits that we want all LPS students to make a part of their daily lives. We, as kindergarteners, will also be learning about building a **Community with Character** here in our classroom and at our school.

## Friendly Reminders

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

- \*\* A **water bottle** with a flip top.
- \*\* A **healthy snack**.
- \*\* 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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