



Kindergarten News



September 22nd, 2017

What's New?

It was wonderful to see all of you at Open house/Curriculum night on Tuesday. It was a little warm that night... but the students love to show you around their school, and I appreciate the opportunity to share information about our classroom with you.

Mr. Daraskavich has emailed to all parents the links on which you can sign up for parent/teacher conferences, which will be October 18th and 19th. If you have not gotten his email, please let me know.

We have really enjoyed the **family projects** that have come in so far. The class loves to share them, and it helps them develop great presentation skills!

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.

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:
Forg and Toad- The Lost Button

Next week's treasure book:
Alligator Baby

There was some interest at Curriculum Night to know the treasure book the week before we start it. By no means are you expected or do you need to find the book and read it. In fact, I would ask that you wait until at least Monday night to share the book with your child. Many of the lessons will be more beneficial if the can experience the story for the first time in the classroom. Having said this, there are certainly going to be treasure books that they already know, some classics and student favorites will be part of our treasure bag lessons this year. This is another reason why I would like to use the others as "cold reads" meaning the first time they will hear it is during the lesson. Thank you! I have also been known to change things last minute based on our needs at the time...so just remember the #1 rule in kindergarten- Things don't always go as planned!

Mark your calendar:

Picture Day is September 28th. 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.

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Randolph PTA Fun-A-Thon Fundraiser Friday, September 29th

The Randolph PTA has begun their main fundraiser for the school year this week. This week you received a packet home describing the Fun-a-thon and how you can all help. The Fun-a-thon will be an outdoor series of activities that the students do during the school day. The goal is to have every student raise \$30 through pledges. If we accomplish that goal we will not need to do any other fundraisers this school year. This money goes directly back to the kids. The PTA funds field trips, books for classrooms, fun activities and much more. Please help out if you can.

You can register your child by going to thegetmovincrew.com website. Make sure you select Randolph Elementary (Livonia Public Schools).

As always thank you for supporting the PTA.

Check out our classroom photos... updated daily!
https://twitter.com/MrsMitchell_KDG

Reading Rocks!

We are continuing to move through our first reading unit. Our lessons this week have continued to focus on our lives as readers. The students are working on making book choices, making a plan when reading and we have also started using our fingers to point when reading words. As a class we are working our



building our reading stamina. So far we've have four days with 2 minutes of (mostly) quiet reading....woohoooo!

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:

the, up

Our Heart Words:

I, you, we

This Week's Rhyme:

Hickory Dickory Dock

Growing Writers

We continued with our first writing unit this week. It is an **oral language unit**, which focuses on storytelling. The students are learning how to take turns, how to be a good speaker and an effective listener. This week we practiced responding to others and including feelings when telling a story.



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Math Matters!

This week in math, the students made a class birthday graph, and a class age graph. We also started "Quick Looks", which will help them build muscle memory and develop a stronger sense of numbers. We also continued our featured number work. This week we featured the numbers 3-6.



Science Spin

We are moving through our first science unit this week, **Kindergarten in Motion**. This week we did some motion experimenting with various balls. What an exciting lesson that was! The students worked with a partner to discover if the weight or material of a ball affected the speed at which it moved.

The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we continued to learn about what the word "**habit**" means, and what good habits, and bad habits are. We read a book about DW, who had a bad habit she had of being a picky eater. Ask your kindergartener what happened at the end of that story. It was a big surprise!



Character Counts!

This week we are continuing our focus on GRIT. Having **GRIT** means you never, ever give up. That's an invaluable life lesson and very appropriate for kindergarteners! We talk a lot about how things that seem too hard are just new, and once it's not new anymore...it's not hard anymore! **Ask your kindergartner about the Elephant & Piggie story we read, and how all of the animals in the story showed GRIT!**



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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