



Kindergarten News



September 29th, 2017

What's New?

Please return the **September Family Project** as soon as it is completed. Our class book is coming along nicely...and I'm still going to send the **October Family Project** home today, in case you wanted to get started this weekend. It may not feel like Fall, but I am looking forward to getting some fall decorations up in our hallway...and the October Family Project will be perfect! Please don't forget to return both projects when they are finished, as well as the big yellow envelope.

Mr. Daraskavich has emailed to all parents the link on which you can sign up for parent/teacher conferences, which will be October 18th and 19th. If you have not yet signed up, please do so at the address below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dadab29a1f85-randolph>

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 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:
Alligator Baby

Next week's treasure book:
Tops and Bottoms

Mark your calendar:

October 13th- 6 pm: Family Movie Night
October 18th and 19th- Half Days of School and Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 20th- Spirit Day: pink
October 27th- 6 pm: Fall Festival

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 a plan before they read, and we are still working on our reading stamina. We are doing very well with our two minutes, and will be moving to three minutes next week. They have also learned how to do **partnership power** after



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our reading minutes. This gives the readers a change to share their book. This week we also spent some time reading nonfiction and the students are working on sharing what they learn and asking questions as they read.

This week we also finished up the Name Game.



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:

go, so

Our Heart Words:

I, you, we, the, up

This Week's Rhyme:

The Mulberry Bush

Growing Writers



We finished our first writing unit this week. We have begun to prepare for our second unit,

Launching the Writing Workshop,

by reading books that empower the students to use their pencils and crayons to tell their stories. We plan to begin writing next week.

Math Matters!

This week in math, the students learned about five frames. We also enjoyed some math songs...try singing 5 Little Frogs or 5 Little Ducks the next time you are in the car! If you have a longer trip....you could sing 10 in the Bed! The students also completed two lessons that focused on shapes. We are learning about the attributes of shapes and how they can be compared to one another. We also used shapes to make patterns. We finished up our featured number work. This week we finished up our featured the numbers, with 7-9.



Science Spin

We are moving through our first science unit this week, **Kindergarten in Motion**. This week we read a book called And Everyone Shouted PULL! Ask your kindergartener about the farm animals and their cart, and what happened to the donkeys on the way home from the market! Our focus was on how the weight of an object affects it's motion and how moving objects get started

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The Leader in Me

Randolph Elementary is a Leader in Me school. This week we began to learn about the idea of a **Friendship Piggy Bank**. While this is not officially on the list of habits, it's a great way to kick off our study of good habits. This week we read What About Moose? to see what happens when a person doesn't care for his friends. Ask your kindergartener what happened to Moose in the end!



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 penguin in our read aloud, Penguin's Hidden Talent. How did the penguin show GRIT? We also had some practice with GRIT today. Jumping rope is a very tough thing to do....be the boys and girls never, ever gave up....because they have 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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