

# Kindergarten Newsletter

## August 28, 2009

### Zoo-Phonics

This week we continued to practice our sounds and signals using music and animal picture cards. It is getting easier to recognize the sounds for letters! We have even begun to use the sounds to write words! Shared writing is an activity that we try to do every day by writing the sounds we hear in words.

### Literacy

We continue to practice names and review our name posters. It is really fun to learn about the students in our class.

Our word wall is beginning to fill up with names as well as other words we are learning to read and write. This week, we learned the words "a" and "is." We highlighted and wrote these words in little books that will be coming home.

Ask your child about these words and help them identify them in other forms of print.

Next week we will continue to learn more words.

### Treasure Books

Our treasure book this week was the book Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. This story is about a little mouse who loves her name, until she gets to school. Other kids tease her and call her a flower and want to pick her. When they are mean, she wilts. She is sad until one day; they meet the music teacher who was also named after a flower. The other children then want to be just like Chrysanthemum.

The treasure that your child received today was a petal, to remind them of this story. Please make sure that it is placed in the "treasure box" that we decorated the first day of school. This box should be kept at home in a safe place.

Next week, we will read the book Officer Buckle and Gloria. This cute book tells of the importance of following rules and why it is always best to stick with a buddy.

## Math

This week in math, we explored pattern blocks and watched a special video about the shapes. We continue to count every day with calendar and are identifying numbers to 10. We have also been busy sorting and grouping objects such as buttons.

Next week we will write the numbers and work on matching the number of objects to the written numbers.

In September, we will also be recording the day and the weather in our calendar folders.

## Miscellaneous

All classes need snacks to come in. Please send them in as soon as you can.

Remember to sign and return the M.O.O.S.E. books every day.

## Important Dates to Remember

September 7: No School (Labor Day)

September 19: Mallardfest

September 22: Parent Night (Zoo-Phonics) More info. later

Have a great weekend!



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