

Kindergarten Newsletter

September 18, 2009

Literacy:

This week we have had a wonderful time exploring colors! We did many hands on activities with colored water and mixing two colors to make a new one!

It was fun experimenting with test tubes, pipettes, color tablets, paint gels and food coloring. We were busy little scientists! With all of these activities, we learned to spell and write the color words through reading, writing and songs!

We read other stories to enrich our unit such as Little Blue and Little Yellow, A Color of His Own, and Go Away Big, Green Monster. Coordinating projects can be found in the Friday Folder or displayed in the hallway.

Treasure Book:

Our Treasure book this week was Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh. In this cute book, three white mice decide to play in some paint. They each find a color; red, yellow and blue. They are so messy when they dance in the paint that they drip puddles. While they were playing, they noticed that when red feet were in a yellow puddle, it made orange. When blue paint is in a red puddle, they got purple. And, when Blue paint mixes with yellow, they got green. It was a fun way to read and re-tell with puppets the colors that we can create.

The treasure for this week is a colored mouse.

Next week's treasure book is called We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. Children go on a leaf hunt to discover the colors of fall.

Math:

Thank you to the many families that attended our Math Night! We hope that you got a little taste of our successful math program here at River Ridge.

This week in math, we have explored patterns in the form of color, shape, and sound. Learning what numbers come next, height comparisons and shape exploration have been exciting to learn.

Zoo-Phonics Night:

Please join us on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 to learn our Zoo-Phonics program! Just bring your kindergartener to the Orange room at 6:00 for some hands on instruction. Please, if at all possible, leave your smaller children at home.

Miscellaneous:

Gear Golf Outing is September 20th at Woodbine Bend- contact Jeremy Knauer if you are interested in playing. Chance to win some great prizes and help raise money to improve Elizabeth Parks. There will also be a sport swap during the morning, where you can donate and/or purchase used sporting good items (gym shoes, baseball cleats, gloves..etc)

Important dates to Remember:

September 22nd: Zoo Phonics night~6:00

Oct. 1~Picture Re-takes

Oct. 8~Open House from 6-8:00

Oct. 10 & 11~Craft Fair

Oct. 12~No School

Oct. 20~Report cards

Oct. 22 & 23~ No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Have a great Weekend!

Mrs. Kelzer, Ms. Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster