

Kindergarten Newsletter

September 4, 2009

Zoo-Phonics

Kindergarteners are getting better and better at recognizing sounds for letters with our Zoo-Phonics program! We continue to practice our sounds and signals using music and animal picture cards. We are taking sounds and forming words and sentences.

Literacy

The hallway is decorated with our colorful and unique name posters. We have fun learning about our classmates and writing their names.

While we are adding names to our word wall we also added two new words "my" and "the". We highlighted and wrote these words in little books that will be coming home in Friday folders. Please ask your child about these words and help them identify them in other forms of print.

We will continue to learn more words next week.

Treasure Books

Our treasure book this week was the book Office Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann. The story is about a police officer and a dog that visits schools to help teach children to stay safe. "Safety Rule #7- DO NOT STAND ON A SWIVEL CHAIR" says Officer Buckle. The audience laughs and laughs because Gloria the dog is being silly behind Officer Buckle's back. Officer Buckle gets upset because he realized he wasn't making the kids laugh and instead, it was Gloria. Officer Buckle becomes humiliated and does not want to go to any more schools to teach about safety. The school decides someone has to teach how to stay safe so they ask Gloria the dog to come to school. Gloria finds out she can't teach safety without her partner, Officer Buckle. Gloria and Officer Buckle realize how important it is to stick with a buddy.

The treasure that your child received today was a badge 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 Whoever You Are. This cute book tells of the importance of diversity and how everyone is different yet special.

Math

This week in math, we explored the numbers 1-9 by working with ants and ant hills. We learned how to write each number and match the number of ants to the written numbers.

We also started our calendar folders that teach us about temperature, weather, counting, and tally marks.

Next week we will learn about volume, graphs, patterns, and attributes.

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 fantastic weekend and Labor Day!

