



# Kindergarten News

September 13, 2018

## Literacy Lane:



We will soon be visiting the Meadowbrook library! During our library visit, we will meet Mrs. Halat and check out one book from the library. Be sure to check your child's backpack to find the book he / she chose. We talked about finding a safe place to keep our books at home. We are careful readers and like taking care of our books. Library day is FRIDAY for both kindergarten classes. Be sure to return books each Friday so your child may check out a new book.

In reader's workshop we will be using **thoughtful logs** to record our thinking while reading.

We are continuing to work on: Uppercase and lowercase letter identification, consonant letter sounds, and reading kindergarten sight words. Please also continue to help your child write their name and identify the letters in their name.

## Math:



- We have begun to launch our math workshop. We read the book Everybody Counts and discovered all of the things we can count in our world. Please ask us to count things around the home!
- Students are working on many math skills such as writing numerals, counting by ones, recognizing numerals, and using a calendar. Our calendar time gives us daily practice with these skills.

## Behavior System:

Mrs. Spellman uses popcorn scoops as a classroom rewards system. When the class is making great choices and following directions, they may earn a popcorn scoop in our special bucket. Once the special bucket is full, the class will vote on a special celebration or prize. Be sure to ask your child how many popcorn scoops we earn each day!

## Social Studies/Science/Technology:

- We have been learning all about "community". This means we have been working really hard learning our classroom and school rules.
- **Internet Safety:** We are happy to announce a recent partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Justice and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction <https://dpi.wi.gov/internet-safety>

## Celebrations!



- We made it through our first couple weeks of school! Thank you, kindergartners, for doing your best. We are learning to listen with our eyes and ears at school. Mrs. Awve and Mrs. Spellman think we are doing GREAT! Families, thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you throughout our school year.
- We had a great time seeing you at the Back to School Bash! Thank you to our wonderful PTA for sponsoring such a fun event for all families. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to make this event possible.
- A friendly reminder! Please remember to check your child's lunch account through Infinite Campus. Be sure your child has money loaded in their account if they are ordering hot lunch!

## PALS Testing

PALS is a literacy assessment for students K4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade in public schools. PALS stands for *Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening*. We will begin PALS testing in the next couple of weeks!

<http://www.palsresource.info/pals-k-information-for-parents/>

It is important that your child:

- Be here at school
- Eat a hearty breakfast
- Get a good night's sleep

## Upcoming Events:

1. September 17: Culver's Night
2. September 25: Backwards day
3. September 26: Picture Re-takes
4. October 1: Wear blue - Stomp out Bullying
5. October 3: Picture re-take day
6. October 5: Walk-a-thon 2 pm
7. October 8: PTA meeting 4 pm
8. October 10: Field trip to environmental ed. Center
9. October 23: Field trip to Green Meadows Farm

