

Kindergarten News

September 10, 2020

Literacy Lane:



This Friday will be the kindergarten friends first day of library. Obviously, library will be different this year. Mrs. Halat will come in and introduce herself as well as teach the proper way to take care of a library book. Students will be able to choose a book in the classroom. It will be packaged in a black bag and sent home. Please return it **IN THE BAG** by the following Friday so they can choose 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

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. I think you are doing **GREAT!** Families, thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you throughout our school year.
- Everyone has adapted **SO WELL** to the "new normal". The kids have been great with wearing their masks appropriately! I'm very proud of all of them!

Math:



- We have begun to launch our math workshop. We have started responding in our math logs and have learned how to use the math app "Dreambox"!
- Students are working on many math skills such as writing numerals, counting by ones, recognizing numerals, and using a calendar. Our calendar time and math journals give us daily practice with these skills.

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.
- Soon we will begin our tree and weather study! We will be learning about trees in our kindergarten classroom and in Meadowbrook's outside classroom. We will be observing trees using our senses.
- Please be sure to charge your child's I-Pad each night, be sure that any updates are installed (you find this in the "General" tab) and also please wipe/sanitize the screen and the case each night!

Testing

PALS is a literacy assessment for students K4-2nd grade in public schools. PALS stands for *Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening*.

We will begin PALS testing in early October! We will also be taking the MAPS test in October. This test will give me an idea of where your child falls mathematically so I can adequately plan instruction for individual needs!

Upcoming Events:

- Every Friday is Meadowbrook spirit day! Students can wear any Meadowbrook clothing that they may own. If your child has yet to purchase any gear, they can wear blue, gold or yellow to show school spirit!