



4K News

November 8, 2018

Literacy:

Reading:

We recently read a story called *Try a Little Kindness* by Henry Cole. Students discussed ways they can show kindness towards loved ones and then completed a journal entry response on it. Throughout this month, we will be talking about being kind towards others and what being grateful means.

Students have been working on Starfall ABC and Learn to Read apps on our ipads during small group centers. These apps are allowing students to practice identifying uppercase/lowercase letters, beginning sounds of words, making letter sound connections and other concepts of print. Students really enjoy working on them!

Writing:

Students have begun working in their Handwriting Without Tears schoolbooks. They are practicing the letter strokes needed to make uppercase and lowercase letters. They have been coloring and tracing various objects and shapes to not only learn the letter strokes but also practice their crayon grip. For example: when a student traces and colors a triangle, they are practicing diagonal strokes for letters such as V, M, N, etc.

Students continue to strengthen their fine motor skills each day with various activities such as using clothespins to match numerals to corresponding quantities in math, using play doh and various other tools!

Math:

Students continue to practice counting using one to one correspondence. They also continue to practice identifying numerals 1-5 and have begun recognizing numerals to 10.

Most recently, we have been learning how to identify a pattern in different forms (shape/color/number patterns, physical movement patterns, etc.) I encourage you all to find patterns at home or make them with your student! Emphasize that a pattern is something that repeats.

Social/Emotional:

Mrs. Gahan (our school psychologist) continues to teach specific social/emotional lessons each Monday. Students have been learning how to work together to reach a common goal as a whole class. While discussing why working together is so important and how that makes us feel when we do (*happy, loved, etc.*)

During our play workshop mini lessons, we have been reading stories to talk about what we are good at, new activities that we can try (such as choosing new play centers) and solving conflicts when they occur.

Last week, we read the story *Giraffes Can't Dance* and this week we read "*I Have a Little Problem,*" said the Bear.

Special Note:

I will be sending home an "I Can Dress Myself" certificate next week to have students practice dressing themselves in their winter gear.

Please fill it out and send it back when your student is able to dress him/herself in winter gear (snow pants, boots, winter coat, hat and waterproof gloves) in under four minutes.

I Can Dress Myself

Task: Child MUST dress him/herself under 4 minutes, parent/guardian signs and return.

Items:	Child's Name
*Snow Pants	
*Boots	Date AND Time:
*Winter Coat	
*Hat	Parent's Signature
*Waterproof Gloves	

Upcoming Events:

1. November 9th: Sky Zone Fun Night
2. November 9th: Meadowbrook Spirit Day: Wear Red, White and Blue for Veteran's Day
3. November 12th: PTA Meeting
4. November 14th: Meadowbrook Spirit Day: World Diabetes Day! Wear Blue!
5. November 15th: Math Night
6. November 19th: Culver's Night
7. November 27th: Meadowbrook Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day