



## News and Notes

Mrs. Long's Kindergarten Classroom

Week of: September 15, 2014



### Here's what we are working on!

**Reading:** We will be reading stories and putting the events in order from the story (sequencing). We will practice referring back to the text to check our answers.

Letters/Sounds: Pp, Cc

HFV (High Frequency Words, Sight Words): like

Word Families: None

Theme: Around the Table

Stories: Peanut butter and Jelly, Bunny Cakes, Look, Listen, Taste, Touch, and Smell, My Hands

**Writing:** We will continue learning the routines of Writer's Workshop.

**Math:** We will be expanding our knowledge of base ten to numbers beyond 10 – starting this week with 11! We will also learn about inventory bags. These are bags filled with various items of varying amounts. Students will be counting and recording what is in their inventory bag.

**Science:** The Five Senses – We will focus on touch and smell through stories and experiments.

**Social Studies:** We will be learning about empathy and how to help a friend who is upset.

**Health:** In health we will be connecting the parts of the body used to experience the Five Senses.

### Important Dates:

- Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Brown Bag and Family Game Night (Baskin Robbins' Night, too!)
- Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Decade Dance 5:30-7:00pm

**Grab and Count:** grab one handful of objects (small toys, Legos, cereal, etc.). Count how many of that object were grabbed in one handful. Record the number and draw the amount using pictures (we use circles, squares, or sticks).

Example: Grab a handful of Legos. Count how many. Write the number. Draw that amount.

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### Other Reminders

No snack on Wednesdays.

Water ONLY in the classroom, including snack time.

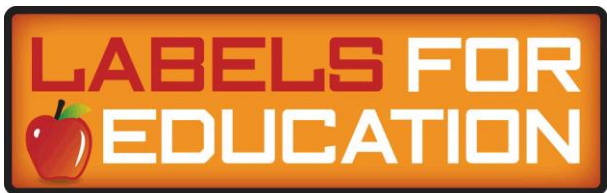
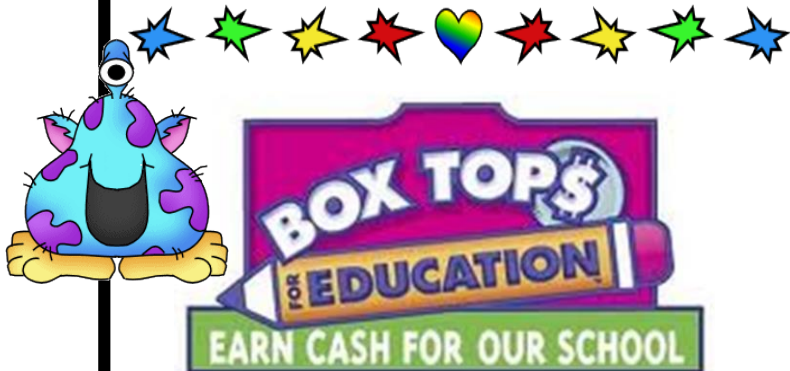


Kinder Brown Bag and Family Game Night is September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm! Bring some dinner and your favorite game to play. I hope to see you there!

# Here's what we have been doing...

Last week we got into the basics of the five Senses. We read a story called "My five Senses". We then referred back to the story to create a tree map of the information found in the text. The students had a great time going back, looking through the story, and recording what was discovered about each of the senses. In computer lab we began working in

Dreambox. It is a fantastic math program that uses games to engage the students and get them thinking about numbers that are individualized for each student, allowing them to review and advance at their own pace. It also uses math tools we use in the classroom, so the students can relate their Dreambox lessons to lessons in the classroom. Once the students are comfortable playing at school, I'll send home a form with your child's information so they can begin playing at home, too! There are a few features (like the arcade) that are turned off during the school day!



Keep sending in those Box  
Tops!

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for Education from Campbell's  
Soup cans.



## Specials Schedule



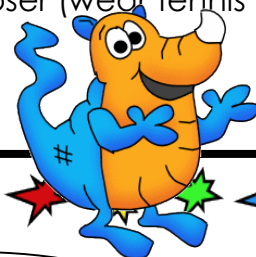
Monday - Computer Lab with Mrs. Long

Tuesday - Library with Mr. Kloss-Fillinger ("Mr. K"), Long Term Sub for Mrs. Davies (return library books)

Wednesday - Music with Dr. van Oostrom, ("Dr. V")

Thursday - Art with Ms. Murphrey

Friday - P.E. with Mr. Moser (wear tennis shoes)



If you ever have questions or concerns, please contact me right away. Parent/Teacher communication is the key to your child's success. We are both here to support your child and encourage them to be their very best!



Click on the icon to email me with any questions.