



News and Notes

Mrs. Long's Kindergarten Classroom

Week of: September 22, 2014



Here's what we are working on!

Reading: We will be spending quite a bit of time this week learning how to blend words! Students will be learning their first vowel, so they can now blend short CVC (Consonant, vowel, consonant) words!

Letters/Sounds: Aa – our first vowel!

HFW (High Frequency Words, Sight Words): review my, the, like, a, I

Word Families: -am (Pam, Sam, ham, etc.)

Theme: Around the Table

Stories: Peanut butter and Jelly, Bunny Cakes, Hold the Anchovies!, A Book About Pizza, Shh... a Book About Hearing

Writing: Building stamina is so important during writing. Each day we will be graphing how many minutes we can work on writing, independently, on our own writing piece. Today we worked for an entire 7 minutes!

Math: Each day this week we will be learning about a different teen number. Last week we learned about 11 and how it is a group of 10 and 1 more. We will continue in this manner through the teen numbers, exploring different ways to model and represent teen numbers in base ten.

Science: The Five Senses – We will focus on hearing through stories and experiments. We will be playing a fun game called “Guess the Sound”, exploring common sounds, like typing on a keyboard.

Social Studies: We will practice being caring towards each other. We will learn about different ways to show care and concerns for others.

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

Important Dates:

- Friday, September 26th – Decade Dance 5:30-7:00pm
- October 6-10 – Fall Break
- Monday, October 13 - Staff Development Day (No School for Students)

Thank you so much for working on homework with your child! I love hearing students come to school telling me about what they did for their homework last night, or bringing in papers they have worked so hard on, whether it be number writing, sight words, or ABCs! Students are showing pride in their work and you are encouraging them along the way!

Other Reminders

Homework will be collected on October 1. A new homework calendar will go home on October 1st, along with a new Character Clip Chart.



Fall Party

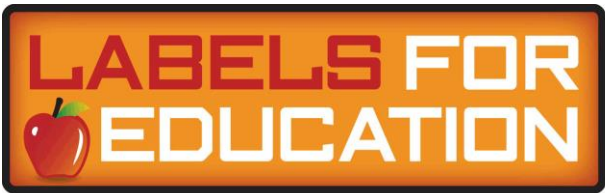
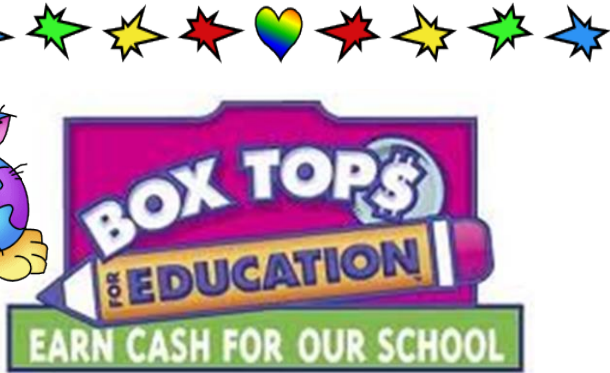
Friday, October 3 from 1:45-2:30

More info will be sent home this week!



Here's what we have been doing...

Last week we learned the sight word "like". When we learn a new sight word, we practice it in many ways to reinforce the immediate recognition and correct spelling. Students have to unscramble the letters, fill in the missing letter, and even identify the word in a bank of words that are sometimes spelled similarly (ex: for the sight word "like", students will have to identify "like" hidden among other words such as "life", "look", and "little"). After repetition and practice, students should be able to recognize sight words within 2 seconds. In math we learned about the number 11. We broke it down into tens and ones (11 is ONE group of ten and ONE more). This a very challenging concept, which we will work on throughout the entire year. By the end of Kindergarten, students should be able to show tens and ones for numbers 11-19, as well as write an equation (which we are not getting into until second semester). We've also had a great time deliberately using our five senses. We played a game with touch, reaching into a bag, feeling an object, describing that object, then guessing what it was!

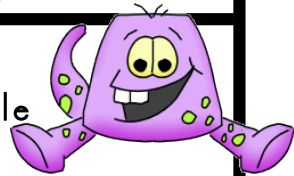


Keep sending in those Box
Tops!

Esperanza also takes Labels
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)

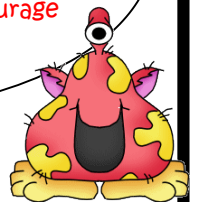
Wednesday - Music with Dr. van Oostrom, ("Dr. V")

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.