



News and Notes

Mrs. Long's Kindergarten Classroom

Week of: September 29, 2014



Here's what we are working on!

Reading: We will be continue blending words! We will learn about common errors, such as blending the letters m-a-t and then saying the word "map". We will learn how all sounds are important to read the correct word.

Letters/Sounds: Review: Mm, Ss, Rr, Tt, Pp, Cc, Aa

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

Word Families: -at (pat, sat, cat, etc.)

Theme: Around the Table

Stories: Peanut butter and Jelly, Stone Soup, Hold the Anchovies!: A Book About Pizza,

Writing: This week we will learn about characters and setting. We will learn about ways to include both a character and their setting to a story through illustration and words.

Math: We will be learning about measurement! We will be measuring objects of different lengths and using words like "longer" and "shorter" to compare. We will also be learning a game called compare, where partners flip over a card and the person with a higher number keeps the cards.

Science: The Five Senses – We will finish up our Five Senses Unit!

Social Studies: We will learn about empathy and the importance of each person's feelings. Validating feelings and showing concerns for others is one way to show empathy for them.

Health: We will learn about exercise and how it effects our body and our brains!

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, October 1 – Walk to School Day
- October 6-10 – Fall Break
- Monday, October 13 - Staff Development Day (No School for Students)

Walk to School Day!

Wednesday, October 1

If you typically drop off your child at school, please drop him/her off at the Sun Ray Park by 6:55a.m. If you wish to drop off at school please wait until 7:15am

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.



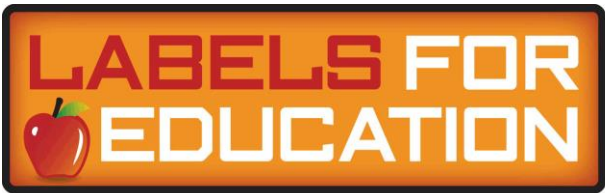
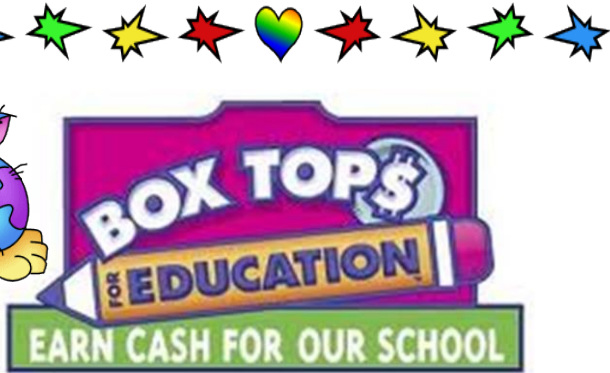
Supplies Needed

Old Newspaper for our Fall Party



Here's what we have been doing...

Last week we learned about the -am word family and how to blend words. Blending is a skill we will be practicing throughout the year, and we're only at the beginning, but the students are so excited to be reading words! If you see three letter C-V-C (consonant-vowel-consonant) words while you're reading with your child, I encourage you to have them try to blend or sound it out. Keep in mind we have only learned the vowel "a" in class, but many students are picking up on the sounds of other vowels, too. We did problem solving about cookies! We acted out the problem, using pretend cookies from the kitchen, then went on to record our work and write down answers. The students, of course, had a great time playing with cookies! We explored the sense of sound, listening to different sounds on a CD and guessing what made the sound. The students were such good listeners. They were even able to recognize paper ripping - that was a tough one!

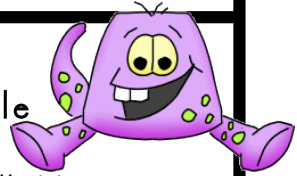


Keep sending in those Box Tops!

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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)

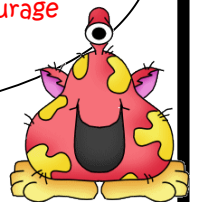
Wednesday - Music with Dr. van Oostrom, ("Dr. V")

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.