



Kindergarten News



September



Welcome to kindergarten! As we begin the school year, we will focus our energy on getting to know your child and working together to build a classroom community. We will spend time discussing the rules and expectations for our classrooms in order to lay the foundation for the rest of the school year.

Because our goal is to build a solid foundation of skills for each student, we will take the time to assess the skills your child has already mastered so that we can build upon his/her prior knowledge. We will begin our language arts instruction with lessons designed to enhance your child's phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, and phonics skills. We will be studying our names, letter recognition, letter sounds, rhyming words, syllables, color words, sight words and much more.

Starting this month, we will also implement Writer's Workshop each day.



This program will enable your child to acquire the skills necessary to become a successful author of his/her own personal stories. We hope to instill a love of writing in your child and increase the confidence in his/her writing ability.

In mathematics, we will cover:

1. developing strategies for accurately counting a set objects by 1s
2. sorting and classifying
3. carrying out a data investigation
4. using manipulatives, drawings, tools, and, notations to show strategies and solutions

We hope to make this year fun and challenging for your child!



Social Studies

In kindergarten, we use the program entitled *Social Studies Alive!* to deliver the Social Studies curriculum. This program is aligned perfectly with our goals for the beginning of the school year. To help us set expectations and establish a classroom community, we will complete the following lessons:

Who Am I?

How Do I Get Along with Others?

How Do I Make Friends?

How Do I Solve Problems with Others?

How Can I Be a Good Helper at School?

Donations

Throughout the school year, we use many items that are not supplied by the school. If you are willing, please consider sending in a donation of the following items:

Tissues

Ziploc baggies (all sizes)

Paper plates

Brown paper bags

Dixie cups bathroom size

Bag of dried beans

Clorox wipes



Reminders

- Back to School Night on Sept. 9th starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Homework will begin in Oct.

Thank you for your help and support! Here's to a great year!