

Kindergarten News

October 2013



We've had a great start to our year here in Kindergarten! We look forward to an exciting, busy October. This will be the last team newsletter sent home. With the November issue, you will need to go to the Glade website. The address is: education.fcps.org/ges. Click on Staff, then Kindergarten. Links to our monthly newsletters will be there. If you do not have access to a computer or need a hard copy for some other reason, just inform your child's teacher and she will place a newsletter in your child's folder each month. Thanks for helping us save the trees!

The Kindergarten Team

Media Center

Remember that our classes will be going to the Media Center each week. Your child will choose a book that he/she would like to read or have read to him/her. We hope you will enjoy reading and sharing these stories with your child. Please make sure your child returns the book the following week! It can be returned on any day of the week.

Reminders

*Children are **not** to bring money (except for lunch money) or toys to school unless it has been specifically requested by the teacher. Please reinforce this with your child!

*Label all of your child's belongings. (Please make sure names are on lunchboxes - your child's name and his/her teacher's name!)

*Please send a note when your child has been absent. This note is needed by the office. Also, remember that we need a note if your child will be a car rider or has some other change in his/her routine. Children are to ride their own bus home.

*Please remember to check your child's take-home folder daily! We do not want you to miss any important news. We also want you to see what your child is doing at school.

*If your child packs a lunch, please remember to send utensils (spoons and/or forks) with your child! Thanks!

*Make sure you have signed up for Find Out First so you don't miss any important information! Go to the fcps.org for more information.

Fall Festival

Our school will be having a Fall Festival on Friday, November 1st. Our Room Parents will be calling to arrange our food donations. They will only call people who return the donation form which is attached to this letter. These forms should be returned by next Wednesday, October 9th if you are willing to send a food item. Please do not send any food items unless you are contacted because we have many food allergies in our classrooms. Our second party will be for Valentine's Day so if you are not contacted now, our Room Parents should contact you at that time. Thank you for your willingness to help!

Extra Clothing

The health room has suggested that Kindergartners keep an extra set of clothing in their backpacks in case an accident occurs here at school. There are not extra clothes available if a child needs to change and sometimes parents are unable to leave work in order to bring a set of clothes to school. Thank you for your help so that we are prepared if an accident does occur.

What Can We Do at Home?

Language Arts Ideas

We have been working on identifying and generating rhyming words. Here are some activities that you could try at home:

1. Sing silly songs such as “Down by the Bay” so your child can generate rhyming pairs.
2. Break out the nursery rhyme books. Children love to play with rhyme.
3. Read a rhyming book to your child. (For example, Green Eggs and Ham) When you read a rhyme, omit the last word and have your child say it. (I will not eat them with a fox. I will not eat them in a ____.)
4. Play “I’m going to the store.” All of the words you generate will have to rhyme. “I’m going to the store to buy a hat. I’m going to the store to buy a cat...bat...mat...rat. The things you and your child buy at the store could get rather silly! Have fun! To challenge your child, have him/her write the list of rhyming words!

Math Ideas

We have also been learning about sorting. Have your child practice sorting with objects around the house. You could use toys, silverware, books, or clothing! See how many different ways your child can sort the objects. Does he/she sort by color, shape, size, or texture? What other ways can your child sort? Talk about how you use sorting in your everyday life. (the laundry, putting silverware and dishes away, putting items in your desk, putting groceries away...)



Dear Families,

Our kindergarten team would like to have a list of those families who would be willing to send a snack item for one of our class parties. You may be contacted for the Fall Festival party and/or the Valentine's Day party. If you would be willing to send something, please complete the bottom section of this paper and return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 9th. Our room parents will contact you about what we would like you to send. If you are not contacted now, you will be contacted for the next party. Thanks!

Please do not send any food items on party days unless you have been contacted by the room parent. The room parent will tell you specifically what to send. (We will have no nut products due to allergies.) Thank you!

I would be willing to send an item for one of the parties.

(Child's Name)

(Parent/Guardian Name)

(E-mail Address)

(Phone Number)