

Kindergarten News

September 2013



Dear Families,

We've had a great start to our school year! The students are learning the procedures and rules for Kindergarten. Ask your child to tell you about our class rules and our playground rules. The children have enjoyed learning about our centers. Here are some questions you could ask to learn more about your child's day: What stories did your class read today? Did you have center time today? Which center did you choose? What did you do/make at that center? Did you go outside for recess? Who played with you? What was your favorite part about your day in Kindergarten?

The Kindergarten Team

Take-Home Folders

The folder that your child brought on the first day of school has been designated as his/her **take-home folder**. This is the folder in which we will place all notes and papers that need to go home. Please clean out this folder **daily**. If you have any notes to send to us, please place them in this folder not loose in your child's backpack. It is important that your child have this folder here every day.

On Thursdays, the blue plastic Thursday folder will also be sent home along with the take-home folder. Important information from the office will be sent home each week in this folder. Please remove and read this information and sign the enclosed card. Return the Thursday folder along with the take-home folder each Friday. Thanks for your help!

Don't forget to sign up for Find Out First. Go to fcps.org for more information.

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please complete the volunteer form that the PTA sent home during the first week of school. The PTA will pass those names on to us and we will be contacting all of you soon. We appreciate your willingness to help! We also need "Room Parents" who will help coordinate our parties. Please let us know if you are interested.

Forms

If you did not return your child's information sheet or health form, please return as soon as possible. We need the information on these forms in the event of an emergency or illness. We appreciate you taking the time to complete these forms.

Class Donations

There are some items that we could use if anyone would like to donate them to our classrooms. These items include: boxes of tissues, zipper seal gallon-sized **freezer** bags, and zipper seal snack bags. Thanks!

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?

This year, our Kindergarten Team will include Language Arts and Math ideas for you to try at home with your child to reinforce activities that we are doing here at school.

To start the year, we want your child to start thinking about how much we use numbers and math every day! So go on a Number Search around your house. Have your child search around your house and see how many different places he/she can find numbers. (on the clock, the calendar, the microwave, the telephone...) We would love if your child would create a picture to show us some of the different places where he/she found numbers. Have fun searching!

You can also help reinforce good speaking skills at home. Have your child tell you about his/her day at school. Ask questions about his/her day so your child can practice answering questions. Make sure he/she uses complete sentences. (What center did you do today? "I went to Art Center." instead of "Art Center") Then let your child ask you some questions about your day so he/she can practice asking questions! You can model how to answer using a complete sentence. This activity will strengthen speaking and listening skills! It's also fun to learn more about your child's day at school.