

Classroom News  
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It is hard to believe that we are in Week 4. The children are doing a great job with learning the routine and following the rules. We still have a room for improvement with the talking during instructional time. We're doing well in the cafeteria. When we hear the music we know the voices are off. Our hallway and bathroom behavior are slowly coming around. We are still in the adjustment phase, however we're doing better.

Last week the children did well when we broke into small groups. One group worked with Ms. Tucker at a work station, while I worked with the two other groups establishing the expectations for the Independent Stations. This week I am adding another small group. I will begin my Guided Reading the first full week after Labor Day. It is my hope that the children have the routine down to lessen any interruptions during reading instruction.

In LA we have focused on the letters Cc & Aa. This week our letter focus is the letter Dd. Please encourage your child to listen for the sounds these letters make at the beginning and ending of words. Play games by naming words that begin with these letters. We continue to practice directionality of print. Finger tracking at this stage helps children see beyond the beginning sound. The Pop-Up Words remain the same as last week. Look for a small little booklet that will come home for the children to read their words to you. Please remember to send this booklet back to school the next morning.

We are learning to identify an asking sentence or a sentence that is telling us something and the punctuation associated with each.

In Math we are learning about numbers and what numbers represent. We are learning about the number 5 and what makes this number, such as 5 is four plus one more. Five can also be a group of two, two and one. Five can also be one away from six. We are also learning about groups of 10 and understanding what it is to count by 10's.

This week in Social Studies we will be talking about Labor Day and people in our community.

In Science we will begin learning about Force & Motion. Does an object move because it needs a push or a pull and what makes something move fast or slow?

Please remember that Wednesday is Skate Night. The information went home in the Friday folder. This is always a fun night for the children to share time with their friends.

Monday is Day 4 in our Specials rotation. Ms. Armstrong will be coming to do a lesson on Wednesday. On Friday we are going to meet our Book Buddies in Ms. Athon's class. I have not yet shared this with the children.

I am looking forward to having parents come share time in our class.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Remember... LONG WEEKEND! Stay safe and enjoy your time off with your family