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Kinder News
Reported by Mrs. Bowers
Week of Aug. 21-25



Reading this Week:

This week in reading we practiced saying the alphabet to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Ask your child to try and sing it to the new tune. It helps break apart the L, M, N, O letters that the original ABC doesn't do. A lot of kids think L, M, N, O is one letter/sound.

We embarked upon something new last year, ABC Bootcamp. This is where we study a letter a day and make a BIG deal out of it so that we can "try" to attach meaning & understanding to the letters and sounds and their importance.

We read several ABC books that made us think about the alphabet and the importance of letters and our name. We focused on our name, writing it, building it with letter cubes, what it starts with, how many letters we have in our name, another word that starts the same letter as our name, etc.

We read David Goes to School, No David, & David Gets in Trouble by David Shannon. These were both good stories that led us into the conversation of good choices to make at school and rules that we should follow. The kids made a list of school rules.

.Math this Week:

We focused on making a number book with the numbers 1-5. The book is called, Numbers 1-5 and we practiced writing numbers 1-5. We drew objects that matched the number on each page and we also practiced writing the number word for each number.

Reading Next Week:

We will continue our ABC Bootcamp and the study of a letter per day. So the following will be a guide for the week:

Mon., Aug. 28: Letter "Ee"

Tue., Aug. 29: Letter "Ff"

Wed., Aug. 30: Letter "Gg"

Thurs., Aug. 31: Letter "Hh"

Fri., Sept. 1: NO SCHOOL

Mon., Sept. 4: NO SCHOOL

Math Next Week:

We will begin to work with basic shapes and discover similarities and differences between them. We will attempt to make shape books.

We are also working on colors and beginning to recognize color words, or at least that colors can be written down as a word. The focus has been on the beginning sound of each color word with the "Bb" color words being the trickiest because there are so many that all start with "Bb" (blue, black, brown).

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Development Meeting

Sept. 4: NO SCHOOL-Labor Day=ENJOY family

Sept. 11 : 6 pm Board Meeting

Sept. 27: EARLY OUT @ 12:50 (Teacher's Professional Learning)

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Thank you to all of my families that have been helping their child find something that starts with the letter we've been studying for each day at our ABC Bootcamp. The kids REALLY LOVE getting in front of their peers and talking about what they brought.

Students need to be in the building and ready for school by 8:00 a.m. Starting next week we will encourage all of our Kindergarteners to go to breakfast by themselves if they need to. If they've eaten at home then we will encourage them to sit in the gym with their Kindergarten friends. We realize the gym can be overwhelming and anxious because students K-6 are in there, but we check on the gym periodically to make sure our new little ones are feeling as comfortable as possible. Plus other teachers have Gym Duty besides us so they have to get familiar with the routine and procedures. We also know there are some kids that will take a lot longer to transition to the gym in the morning, so we will work with everyone to fit their needs.

Please use the Take Home Folder to correspond back and forth, especially if there will be a change in dismissal plans. If dismissal plans change in the middle of the day and you weren't aware of them, please call the office (Tracy), BEFORE 2:00. Tracy has to have time to notify us of the dismissal change. At the end of the day Car Riders are dismissed around 2:45 p.m. to individual family members in the back parking lot. PLEASE continue to be patient as we make connections with your child and you for the safety of the kids. Bus riders begin loading the buses around 2:50 and finally at 2:55 the Walkers are released. Any child still waiting at 3:00 will go to the office, a family member will be called, and that is where they will be picked up.

Thanks for your support,

Mrs. Bowers

