

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

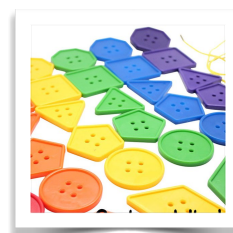
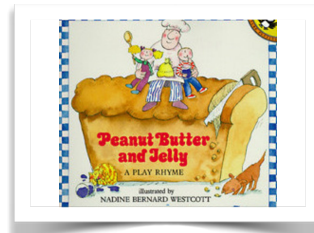
Our first week as a kindergarten class has quickly come to an end. All of the children are adjusting nicely. Our routines are being explored and everyone is making friends. I have quickly gotten



to know all of the children and they are delightful. I realize this kindergarten year is probably different than experiences your child has had in preschool. This may be causing your child to be a little unsure of where s/he fits in the classroom. I would like to encourage you to give your child some time and space to make the transition into

kindergarten, especially since we have begun full day sessions. I can assure you that every activity and all of our routines have been developed with your children's best interest in mind. We have begun making classroom rules and the children will draw illustrations to go along with each one next week. They will be proudly displayed in our room.

Work Folders: Your child brought home a colored pocket folder today which is their work folder. One side may contain papers from specials; the other will consist of classroom work and the newsletter. Please remove all of the papers and review them with your child. The drawings you see in the work folder were made when the children learned how to use crayons, twistable crayons, markers and pens this week. Send the empty folder back to school on Monday in the daily pouch. Once we really get started, work folders come home every other week so that I have time to display the children's work around the room. I hope you will be attending our Back-to-School night on Wednesday, September 20. I plan on discussing the program and your child's daily routine in great detail. Please don't hesitate to visit our room, ask questions and get involved. I will be sending home this newsletter each week with your child to keep you abreast of our daily activities. Please read it with your child and encourage him/her to elaborate on each activity or event.



Bits and Pieces

Thank You

Thank you for sending your children with all of their supplies. It is nice to be so organized already!

Birthday Treat

On your child's birthday s/he can be out of uniform as an extra special treat. If your child has a summer birthday we will pick a day to celebrate at some point and that will be the day your child can dress down. A treat to share with the class can be sent to school on your child's birthday, but please check with me first about what you are sending in.

School starts at 7:50.

Please make sure your child is in the building by that time.

Math

We will be using the math series called, Math Expressions. In addition to working in this math book, your child will also have the opportunity to practice math skills at daily math centers.

Writing workshop has begun in our classroom. I will be holding a literacy seminar in early October for you to learn more about reading and writing and how you can help your child at home. There will be a sign up sheet at Back-to-School Night for fall conferences which will be held on November 10.

Nuts and Bolts

I thought I would give you a sneak peek of Back-to-School night topics that may answer some questions you already have. Daily Pouches are being sent home with your child at the end of each school day. This pouch contains a notebook where we can correspond. I rarely have time to check emails after 7:15 in the morning so putting changes or important information in the notebook is the way to go. Please initial any note written in the notebook from me so I know it has been read. I will do the same after reading any of your notes. The notebook will alleviate the need for separate notes that get forgotten in backpacks or lost, as well as provide a better avenue for communication between school and home. Please keep the binder clip on the notebook. Any papers from the office, room parents or miscellaneous things will come home in the daily pouch as well. **Snack:** I would like to remind you that your child's snack should come to school in a separate bag from lunch. Please make sure this bag is clearly marked with your child's name. The children are hungry from the moment they walk into the classroom so please make sure you send your child with a snack they like as well as one that will sustain them throughout the morning. Lunches should come in a lunchbox or your child may buy lunch at school starting Monday, September 11. We eat lunch at 11:55 pm in the MPR. Hot lunch is \$4.50. **Book Orders:** I am sending home the first Scholastic book order today. If you would like to take advantage of these well priced books, orders are due by September 23rd. Please consider ordering online using the code at the top of the book order form. It is the easiest way to pay. If not, Payment must be made by check to Scholastic Book Clubs. (No cash please) I am looking for a parent who would like to be in charge of all the book club flyers and orders for the school year. It is a great way to earn service hours from home. Let me know if you are interested.



Thank you to Mrs. Sierputowski, Mrs. Czick, and Mrs. Carola for volunteering to be our room parents. I know you all will support them throughout the year.

Bits and Pieces

Specials Schedule

Our Specials began Tuesday. The specific days for specials are listed below:

Monday: Music

Tuesday: Spanish

Wednesday:

Library (books are due)

Thursday: Art

Friday: Gym (gym uniform and sneakers are required: **please label clothing**)

Upcoming Events

Green Ribbon

Celebration Friday, September 15. Back to School Night for K-5 is on Wednesday, **September 20.**

September 29 HSA Walk-A-Thon Event "Trek for Tech"

Life Touch Fall Photos in dress uniform

Tuesday, September 19.

First Friday, October 6 Dress uniforms required for Mass (half day, 12:15 PM Dismissal)