

Kindergarten News

September 2018

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What's Happening:

Welcome to all our Kindergarten families. We are learning classroom rules, debug system, and making new friends every day. This is a great class that is excited to learn and they are already learning so much!

We have been working on identifying the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet, writing names with on capital letter at the beginning and the rest of their name in lower case, and identifying and writing numbers 0-10. We will keep working on writing letters and numbers every day. We will be starting to write and recognize numbers up to 20.

ABC Letter Sounds & Names:

One of the Kindergarten standards is for children to know all of their letter names and sounds. In their Wednesday Folder this week, I am putting in letter cards for them to practice saying their letter names and sounds at home. I highly encourage students go through these cards nightly.

Sight Words:

Another Kindergarten standard is for children to know all pre-primer and primer sight words. Each day I introduce one new sight word with a song and add it to our word wall. This first quarter we will start with twenty sight words and then each quarter after adding more. In their Wednesday Folder next week, I will be putting in Quarter one sight word cards for them to practice at home. I highly encourage students go through these cards multiple times a week.

Monthly Reading Log:

Each month I will be sending home a reading log to encourage reading together each night. Every time you read a story to your child, write it down on your child's log. Look for September's reading log in this week's Wednesday Folder. Please read 15 minutes each night.

Scholastic Book Orders:

Throughout the year, I will be sending out Scholastic Book Orders. The first one will be in their Wednesday Folder this week. They will be due by Thursday, September 20th. No cash please. Only send checks when ordering books.



Academic Standards

Math:

1. Count to 100 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.
2. Students can recognize, describe, extend, create or records simple repeating patterns.
3. Can count forward beyond 10.
4. Can count backwards from 10 consecutively.
5. Can write & identify numbers 0-20 and match number to the correct amount of objects.
6. Count objects and tell how many.
7. Name 2 & 3 Dimensional shapes.

Reading:

1. Know letter names & sounds.
2. Fluently read all Quarter 1 sight words.
3. Can identify features of text.
Example: Front cover, back cover, title page, title, author, and Illustrator.
4. Can identify where individual words begin and end, as they are separated by spaces.
5. Can Identify a sentence using the correct spacing between the majority of individual words.
6. Can track the words in the book correctly (left to right, top to bottom, and page by page)

Writing:

1. Students can show their opinion about a given topic using a combination of drawing, dictation, writing, and justify their opinion.
2. Write all letters of the alphabet.

Science:

1. Students can find and name the five senses and the body parts.
2. Students can tell the difference between things that are alive and things that are not.

Social Studies:

1. Students can recognize the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.
2. Students can recognize that their classmates are different in some ways and alike in others.

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Upcoming Events for September:

NO School:

- ❖ Thursday, September 13, 2018 for Staff Development
- ❖ Friday, September 14, 2018 for Fair Day

Late Start:

- ❖ Wednesday, September 26, 2018 for Staff Development
 - School starts at 10:15am

Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) - ISIP Early Reading Assessment:

Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP) Early Reading is Idaho's link to the Istation. It's a sophisticated web-delivered computer-adaptive testing system provides continuous progress monitoring by frequently assessing and reporting student ability in critical domains of reading throughout the academic year.

Istation is a Web- and Internet-based program that includes engaging, interactive content in a game-like format. The program supports students at all skill levels and, most importantly, encourages and enables progress and achievement as students move through the curriculum.

Istation assesses each student's skill level and automatically assigns and delivers appropriate curriculum tailored to his or her individual abilities. Reporting tools available through the program inform teachers and parents when an intervention is needed and confirm that the student is on the right path.

The Idaho Legislature enacted Idaho's Reading Indicator, the IRI is designed to ensure that all children in the state of Idaho master the skills they need to become successful readers.

Troy Elementary K-3 is administering the ISIP monthly. Each month Kindergarten students will be assessed on listening comprehension, letter knowledge, phonemic awareness, and vocabulary.

Birthday Celebrations:

Birthdays will be celebrated on the day of the child's birthday. In the event of no school on your child's birthday, it can be arranged on another school day by contacting me. Parents are free to send treats to share that are from the APPROVED snack list in the student handbook. Please do not send birthday invites to school. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to this school year and am very excited to have the opportunity to teach your students. WE will be very busy this year learning new things. Please feel free to come in and visit. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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