

October 20, 2017

Dear Parents,

I am enclosing a note today for our upcoming parent/teacher conference in two weeks with my newsletter. For some of you this is to confirm the time that you signed up for at our open house in September. For others, it is to set up a time and confirm with you. This is an important time for us to sit down and share information to support your child in their learning process. You will not get their first report card at our conference, but I will share information with you around how I will score their report card and show you some of their work. Please return these forms back to me as soon as possible. You will receive the report card later in the month.

We will have a small Halloween celebration on Halloween in kindergarten. If anyone would like to send a treat in or treat bags please let me know. We will also need paper products and drink. We try to keep it very low key with only a few snacks. We do not do any formal costumes at White River School. The two classes will get together and share this time together.

We have been continuing to work on adding letters this week. We added c and o. We emphasized that c is an important letter to learn as it begins all of our plane line round letters. We also worked more with letter formation from our previous letters. We worked on looking at sentences as well. We worked on what we need to begin a sentence (uppercase letter), how many sentence frames in a sentence and what comes at the end of a sentence (period/stop sign). We also look at the number of words in a sentence. We have been working on saying the sound and what letter makes that sound so they are not just learning the letters by rote. We are also working on the correct letter formation and matching letters on magnetic boards.

In math, the students are learning more about the pattern on our calendar this month. We are practicing counting by ones from different starting points and by tens. We are learning different ways to show numbers from 1-5, i.e. Show me 5 with your math hands and the students show me 1 and 4, 2 and 3, 5 and 0. We are learning new math vocabulary like same/different. We continue to practice writing numbers 1-10.

I will begin sending home a couple of class books with students next week. They are photo books around our trip to the apple orchard and also around farm day. The children should be able to talk about the two different days with family members. I will only send them Monday - Thursday and they should only be with your family for one night so they can go with another family the next night. You will only get one at a time. It will give the students a chance to share about a day in kindergarten with their families. Please look for these next week. They will be in a labeled ziploc bag. Thanks for your support.

The movie night scheduled for tonight had to change due to equipment not being available, but the PTA is sponsoring a game night in it's place. It is usually a fun night for families. Please try to attend. The movie night has been changed to Friday, November 17.

I am sending home towels to be washed this weekend.

Upcoming Events:

10/20: Free **Family Game Night**- 6:30 (sponsored by the PTA) , **Book Order Due**

10/26: Picture Retake Day

11/2: Early Release for Parent Conferences

11/3: No School, Parent Conferences

11/30: Winter Concert 6:30

Have a great weekend and enjoy these last few warm days that we are getting.