

October 6, 2017

Dear Parents,

We have had another great week in kindergarten. They seem to fill up and go so quickly. The weather is turning cooler so more coats are beginning to come into the classroom. Be sure to remember to label clothes. They tend to get lost at times as the day warms up and they leave them on the playground. This will be important this winter as well. Also, practice with your child when they take off a jacket/sweatshirt they should try to remember to fix the sleeves so it is ready to put on later. We are working on this as well.

We began our Incredible Flexible You program this week as part of our social thinking. We have begun the book Thinking Thoughts and Feeling Feelings. I have included a letter that describes this more and explains a little more about what we will be doing throughout this program. We learned more about our different body parts and our thinking bubbles this week.

In our literacy centers this week, we have been working with the nursery rhyme "Little Boy Blue". The children have been learning the rhyme as well as doing several activities around the rhyme: making a book, sequencing a sentence, putting a puzzle together, creating a Little Boy Blue under a haystack, eating hay (shredded wheat) and putting sheep into a meadow (using tweezers to put cotton balls into a basket).

In Foundations, we have learned about two new plane line letters i/u this week. They continue to practice the previous letters that we have learned about.

In math/number corner we are learning about position words and more about the tricky teens. We continue to practice writing our numbers and learn different ways to remember how to write the numbers from 1-10 without reversals.

Last week, we had our school nurse come and talk about how to wash our hands properly. She shared a quick video and had some students help demonstrate how germs can spread when you don't even touch the item that the germs started on. It was a good lesson to share.

This week we began meeting with Mrs. Flanagan our school guidance counselor. She meets with each class in our school throughout the year. Periodically she sends notes home to you talking about what she is covering with the students.

I am sending home a new book order which will be due in two weeks on October 20.

Farm day is next Friday at White River School. This is very exciting for the students and adults. We do this every three years to give the students a chance to meet farmers and their animals. Please remember to dress your children to be outside for most of the day. We do have normal

lunches that day. Hopefully, we will have a warm day, but it is always cool in the morning when we first go out.

Upcoming Events:

10/9: Inservice Day- No students

10/12: PTA 6:30

10/13: Farm Day for WRS students

10/15: PTA Fundraiser- Color Run

10/20: Free Family Movie Night- 7:00 (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

Have a great weekend!