

September 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

Our short week has gone well. The children are settling into our daily routine (which has changed a few times), but I am sure they are tired when they arrive home with you. They will adjust in a short amount of time and we will all see a lot of growth throughout the year.

In Foundations, our phonics program, we are learning about skyline letters and have learned how to sit in a chair correctly and hold a pencil correctly. The letter that we have already done is t. The program moves very quickly, but we are slowing it down at first. The children will learn a lot throughout the year with this program.

In math, the children have been learning about some of the manipulatives that we will be using throughout the year. They have been learning about how to share with their peers and also how to use the manipulatives appropriately.

Our Monarch caterpillars have arrived and we are watching them grow. They are still very tiny and a challenge to see.

The students and I have talked about our school rules which lead into our behavior chart throughout the week and I will do a test run on Monday. We have focused on being safe, responsible and respectful and what it would look like. You should ask your child what color they are in each day. If they are in green they will have a green, dated paper. If they are in another color (purple, yellow or red) they should also know why they were moved. I will try to date and write a quick note on the color. We have also made a poster with them promising to: make good choices, share with friends, etc. It is hanging in our classroom with their handprint on the poster. We have begun a program called Incredible Flexible You and will be talking about whole body listening. The children learned about what their body should look like when they are learning.

I am sending home book orders today with the children. I try to do this once a month. You can go online and order if it is easier which I have had many parents do this or send the order back to me with your child. Checks can be made out to Scholastic. One check is fine for the entire order. If you ever want the order held for a special occasion just drop me a note and we can arrange for you to pick it up. Our class code is GXJYC. They are due on or before Friday, September 22.

Remember, our specials are as follows: Monday/Wednesday: Gym (sneakers)

Tuesday: Music

Thursday: Library (books stay in our classroom)

Friday: Art (old large t-shirt / label with name)

Thank you to those parents who sent back their paperwork so quickly.

Also, thanks to everyone who has paid cooking money for our weekly cooking. It really helps us out. If it is easier to pay for the year it is \$16.50. If you write a check please write it out to me. Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

9/14: White River School Open House 5:00

9/21 PTA: 6:30 in our school library

9/22 Picture Day

9/27 Apple Picking Field Trip- more info to follow

Have a great weekend!