

October 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the nice weather that we have had over the last few days. Now our fall weather is finally approaching us and we are going to need to dress for it. The mornings next week look to be much cooler than we have been having. Please dress your child accordingly.

We continue to be busy in our kindergarten classroom. The children know the routines now and have settled into the daily routine. They can adjust to things that might arise and be flexible if we need to change something.

The exciting news this week is that our monarch butterflies began hatching and we let several go today, hoping they will make it south before the cold weather really hits New England. Ask your child how many we let go today and how many we still are waiting for. We had a lot of caterpillars this year!

We began using Second Step which is a program that is being used throughout the school this year. I have enclosed a separate sheet with an activity to use at home with your child if you would like.

The students are really doing well with their reading of old favorites in our classroom and using the strategies that we learn about during readers workshop. It is great to see them carrying those skills over to independent book looking time. It is exciting to also have children bringing in old favorites from home to read to the class. This is building confidence in them as readers.

During number corner we have been learning different combinations of five and also counting through the teens family. The teens can be very tricky for kindergarten students to learn. We continue to practice and learn about these numbers. They enjoy practicing skills through our math centers.

In our foundations, we continue to learn new letters and practice learning about how letters make words, words make sentences, and how to write the letters. We try to make the lessons as fun as possible to engage the students. We have learned about b,c,f,i,m,n,o,t,u this far.

As many of you know, we try to downplay holidays at White River School. But with that said we recognize that it can be a very exciting time for children. We try to keep our schedule as regular as possible. For Halloween, I will send more details next Friday in my note.

I am sending home towels to be washed this weekend.

Upcoming Events:

October 12: PTA Game Night 6:30-8:00

October 19: Book Orders Due

October 21: Color Run- PTA Fundraiser

November 1: Early Release-Parent Conferences

November 2: Parent Conferences-No school for students

November 8: PTA 6:30

November 12: No School

Have a great weekend!