

September 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

This was our first full week and for the most part the students did very well. We try to take breaks and not make them sit very long at a time. I know they are tired by the end of the day.

We are continuing to work on our schedule/routines. We began using our color chart this week and so the children should bring home a color each day with them. It should be dated so you know that it is for that day. Each day is a new day, if they bring home a different color for the day the next day they will begin in green again. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

During our social studies time we are learning about each other, rules around our school and also how to introduce ourselves.

During number corner, we practice counting, learn about our pattern on our calendar, look at what is coming up this month and keep track of our days that we come to school. There is a lot of math language that is covered in our number corner. This is in preparation for math lessons later in the day. We have continued to talk about looking at shoes and sorting shoes by different attributes. We have also learned about two new centers this week. We learned about using geoboards and also using a tens frame to count pennies.

In phonics, we learned about f and n, so we now are talking about b,f,n and t for letters. We practice writing them and also practice saying them with the key word and sound. We also had fun thinking of words beginning with these sounds.

In reading workshop, the students continue to become readers. They are learning to take time reading a book, if they finish they can go back and look again at a book, there is a lot of information on the cover of a book, using sticky notes to mark pages they want to share with their reading partner and also practice private reading time. They are enjoying all of these things.

We have also been watching our monarch caterpillars this week. They arrived last Friday and were very tiny. They have grown so much in just a week. We will continue to watch them over the next couple of weeks grow and turn into butterflies.

We will go apple picking at the Riverview Farm on Wednesday, September 19. We will travel by school bus and be back in time for lunch. The students should wear walking shoes/boots and also dress in layers as it can be cool in the morning, but quickly warm up. We will keep an eye on the weather in case we have to postpone the trip to another day. If it is only lightly sprinkling we will still try to go. We will try to let you know Tuesday afternoon, but might wait until Wednesday morning to make the final decision.

Each child is asked to bring \$3.00 to pay for a bag of apples to bring home with them. Please label the money for this trip. If possible please send the money in on Monday or Tuesday as this will help on Wednesday.

Please try to attend the open house next Thursday, September 20. It will begin at 5:30 and will give you an opportunity to visit our classroom again along with the school. There will also be a hot dog dinner during the open house. I will have a conference sign up sheet for our November conference.

Friday is picture day at White River School. You should have received information last Friday for these. Please contact the office if you did not. Book orders are also due on Friday.

Thanks for sending in an old tee shirt for art.

I am sending home towels this weekend to be washed. Please return these with your child on Monday.

Keep sending box tops in for our classroom to collect. Ask family and friends to save them as well. Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Sept 19: Kindergarten Apple Picking trip, \$3.00

Thursday, Sept. 20: School Open House- 5:30, hot dog dinner as well

Friday, Sept.21: Picture Day, Book Orders Due

Friday, October 12: PTA Game Night

Sunday, October 21: Color Run

Have a great weekend!