

September 21, 2018

Dear Parents,

It was so great to see all of you last night. I hope you enjoyed looking around our classroom and our school with your child. They were so excited to show you around. If you didn't have a chance to sign up for your conference in November please let me know and we can try ahead of time to arrange a time. I will send reminders closer to the time to remind you of your conference time.

We are learning about whole body listening and what that looks like in school. We are learning about listening Larry who uses his eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet, body, brain, and heart. We will continue to learn and practice these skills throughout the year.

During number corner and math we are learning more about counting 1-10, five frames, matching numbers of items with numbers, learning about math manipulatives, writing numbers and much more.

Readers Workshop is teaching us how to reread books and look for new information. We enjoy private reading time, but also enjoy sharing what we are learning with our partners. We continue to use our charts to remind us how to use strategies during this time. We play a fish bowl game where we put a partner pair into the middle of our circle (resembling fish in a fish bowl) and the people look for the pair of students using strategies that we have learned about. It is a lot of fun. We are also practicing connecting pages by saying at the end of one page "And then...." We are really working on building their language skills through this. We are beginning also to retell about a book to encourage others to read the book that they are using.

In Foundations, we continue to learn about letters and have added m to our list of letters. We continue to work on the letter, key word (picture that we associate with the letter), sound and an action for the letter. The children should be able to do this for the letters that we have done (b,f,m,n, t). We have also practiced breaking this apart by saying what is the key word, sound or action to see if the child can do one part or is it all rote for them at this point.

We had a great time at the apple orchard. The weather cooperated for us and the children had a great time learning about how to pick apples. Hopefully, you enjoyed the apples with your family.

We are continuing to watch our monarch caterpillars grow and change. It is so exciting to watch happen. We should begin to see chrysalis' next week. Ask your child what they are seeing?

Keep the box tops coming. Each month they will be collected. Be sure to ask friends, family and coworkers to help with this easy fundraiser for the PTA. Every boxtop helps.

As it turns cooler be sure you label your children's clothes as they sometimes will take off layers outside and leave them. It makes it easier for adults to return items if they are labeled.

Upcoming Events:

Sept.21: Book Orders Due (will hold until Monday if you contact me)

October 8: Inservice Day- No school for students

October 12: PTA Game Night

October 21: Color Run

November 1: Early Release-Parent Conferences

November 2: Parent Conferences-No school for students

Have a great first fall weekend and thank you for your support!