

September 28, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you have heard all about our caterpillars and how big they have gotten this week. We have many that have turned into a chrysalis and will soon turn into butterflies so we will be able to release them. It is a wonderful process to begin our year with. The excitement that happens in our classroom about these is wonderful. Ask your child how many chrysalis we have in our tank.

We continue to use our social thinking program and learn about listening with our whole body using Listening Larry. He is a character in a book that we are reading slowly to take time to discuss how each part of our body is important to help us listen.

We have been looking around our classroom for shapes and realize that they are everywhere. We have talked about circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. Look around your house and when you are at the grocery store or out for a fall walk. It is amazing where you will see shapes. We have also continued to practice counting 1:1 forward and backwards from 10. We will begin a new number corner on Monday with our new month.

In our reading workshop the students have continued to practice rereading and also learning to put a little pinch of their thinking into their reading. This is when they know something about what they have learned about from an adult, movie, etc to add a little pinch of something to their reading. They have also learned to try to look at words to try to think about what some words might be on a page. For example, we have used a beetle book to use as our class book. We turned to look to see if we could find the word beetle on a page. We talked about what beetle would start with and what sound that letter would look like so we begin to look for words that begin with a b and find the word beetle. We then see if we can find that word more on a given page. Try this at home.

In Foundations, we have learned about two vowels. We learned about i and u. We talk about how each word needs to have at least one vowel in it and they are important letters. We learn about a letter one day and then practice writing the letter the next day. We try to incorporate some fun into the program. We talk about words in sentences and how we make a sentence with a capital letter at the beginning and a period or stop sign at the end of a sentence.

We try to balance the work of the day with some breaks for free play or creating a project. They enjoy the time to take these breaks.

I am sending home a book about our apple picking trip with a different child each day. They should look at it with you and bring it back the next day. You can create a story to go with the book. Each child will have a chance to bring it home for a night. I won't send it home over the weekend. Thanks for helping your child with this.

I am sending home towels today to be washed.

Upcoming Events:

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 weekend!