

November 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

It was so wonderful to see all of you this week to share information. It is always good to catch up and share any updates with each other. Please remember to contact me through email, note or phone call with any concerns that come up. Know that I am here and want to support your child in any way that I can. Remember, report cards will come home in a couple of weeks.

With the mixed up week we have tried to continue to have our routine, but it was challenging and then with the shortened week next week it is challenging again. We continue to work on our skills through our classroom and also the small groups that I have told you about. It is amazing to see the growth that is happening in just fifty days that we have been together.

As I suggested, there are many ways to support your child at home that can be easy and help them to grow. Just this week, many of the children are doing better with their letters and sounds, reading harder books, counting to higher numbers (even those tricky teens), writing numbers correctly and many more things!

They also are doing an amazing job with Reader's Workshop during private reading and partner reading. It is wonderful to see how they will sit and share a book with their partner. Try to create favorites at home by reading and reading the same stories over again. I also suggested to the children to look for wordless books that they can create their own stories for. Some even asked Ms. Grady in the library to check some out, which was so exciting to see happen! I put some blank books in our art center so they can create their own stories, with or without words. These are all things to help them with their language skills. As you read to your child, look at the illustrations, look for letters on the page, look for words that repeat in the story, read it like the characters. If you don't have books to read, visit the library to check some out. Look for letters/words when you are walking, driving, in a store, etc.

Remember, for math ideas just have your child count anytime possible. Ask them questions like: what number is just after or next, what number is just before, show me with your math hands, write that number, etc. Math is everywhere and a lot of fun! If you are excited they will be excited as well. Practice writing numbers/letters/words in salt, pudding, shaving cream, sand, snow, etc.

Please remember to help your child dress with their winter clothes. Label their clothes as well. As the snow arrives, please consider leaving a pair of sneakers in your child's cubby in the classroom. It is one less thing that they have to carry back and forth. It can be a long day if they have to wear their boots all day.

Keep the stuffing items coming. I apologize that I had the wrong day on the paper that I gave to you at our conference. I need everything in by Friday, November 22 in case I need to get anything on the weekend. Thanks for your support!

#### Upcoming Events

Nov. 11: No School, Veteran's Day

Nov. 14: PTA 6:30

Nov. 15: Game Night 6:30, watch for more details, Book Order Due

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Feast for WRS students

Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving Recess, School Reopens on Monday, Dec. 2

Dec. 7: PTA Craft Fair- 9-2

Dec. 18: Winter Concert 6:30 (Snow Date Dec. 19)

Dec 23: Holiday Break, School reopens on Jan. 3, 2020

Have a great weekend and I will see everyone on Tuesday!

