October 2018 Kindergarten Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The students have learned many routines. The children empty their backpacks and sign up for lunch as they arrive to the classroom.

In ELA we will begin our unit on Nursery Rhymes. The students will sequence the events and act out the Nursery Rhyme. We will also read books about the Fall season. This month we continue to make activities that promote identifying the letters in the student's first name.

In Fundations we will continue to work on identifying letters and letter sounds. Currently we have learned the letters, key word and letter sounds for letters Tt, Bb, Ff, Mm, Nn, Ii and Uu. We continue to work on identifying vowels.

When working on writing skills each child is encouraged to add details to their illustrations. (facial features, clothes, details that show the setting in their illustrations - the mall, the park at home)

In Social Studies we will begin a unit discussing what makes each person special. As we discuss and participate in an All about me unit. In math we continue to work on counting out objects that correspond to a number, writing numbers and making objects to match a given number.

If your child does not take the bus to school, please make sure that they arrive at 7:40 am. When the children arrive late they are missing the opening routines and instructional time. It is difficult for a Kindergartener to understand why a certain routine has already taken place and why they missed an activity when they arrive to school late. Thank you for your support with this.

Please encourage your child to not put their hand, fingers, and classroom items in their mouth. We have been discussing the importance of not passing germs to each other and washing hands properly after using the restroom. Whew! This is a tricky task for some to remember. We will keep working on this and I appreciate your support.

Have a great month!

Pat Foster