

Kindergarten September Newsletter

Welcome to kindergarten! It has been a pleasure meeting all of the new kindergarteners this week. We are working really hard on learning routines and procedures for our classroom and the school. We are also promoting independence in the class. We are chanting and singing nursery rhymes daily. This month we will read many books about families and the season of fall. We will look at the changing weather and discover how apples are ready to be picked this month.

Important Dates:

12- Know Your School Night

20- Ice Cream Social (evening)

Birthdays:

5th -Zoe (KL)

11th - Aiden (KL)

29th - Henry (KL)

Samuel (KL)

William (KL)

Matheus (KA)

Reading and Math:

This week and next we are learning and reviewing the correct way to write your child's first name. We will then begin to learn the letters and their sounds. We will be using a comprehensive program this year by Fountas and Pinnell. We also chant all letter sounds daily. We will work on the correct formation of letters as they are introduced. Ask your child to chant the alphabet using the back of their red folder. We will also introduce two sight words this month: I, see. Children should be able to read and write these words by the end of the month.

In math we have been learning about and practicing using manipulatives in centers. We will focus on comparing objects and learning numbers to 5 this month in our new math program called Envision. Students should practice counting to 20 at home.

Class Notes:

Unless it is raining we go outside every day. Please send your child in weather appropriate clothing and shoes. No flip flops please!

Check your child's red folder, initial the monthly calendar and return it to school daily. This is where important notices from us will be.

Attached is a copy of our specials schedule. Students should wear sneakers on gym and drama day and short sleeve shirts on dance day. It is also asked that all long hair be pulled back on dance day.

Please be sure to pack your child's snack in a **separate** bag from their lunch. Brown bags work great. This really avoids confusion for them. This year at WAMS students are asked to only to drink water at snack time in the classroom. Juice may be sent for lunch only. Thanks.

Please send in a change of clothes in a ziploc bag with their name on it for your child. Accidents and spills happen in kindergarten.

A very big thank you goes out to all of the families for the wonderful donations of classroom supplies. Everything is greatly appreciated and will be used. **Please send in the \$7 to cover the cost of a Scholastic News subscription if you have not done so.** Thanks again and have a great month!

The Kindergarten Team