

Phonics Workshop

In phonics we're working on studying the alphabet and the alphabet chart, and studying and using high-frequency words (snap words) to write. The snap words that have been introduced thus far are: *the, me, a, my, I, like, look, at,* and *see*. Please practice snap words at home. Ask your children to point out snap words in books they are reading. We're also working on letter knowledge, including formation and letter-sound correspondence, and phonological awareness. Please help your child with their letter formation when they are writing – always starting letter formation from the top of the page and going down.

Readers Workshop

Students are working on many skills in readers workshop. They're learning to reread texts for fluency, and easier retelling. Students are also word scientists and searching for snap words within the texts.

Writers Workshop

In writers workshop we are learning that we are all writers. We are practicing writing independently by stretching out words to decipher the sounds the letters make so that we can write them. We are starting to add more detail in the pictures of our stories, and students are beginning to tell one story across many pages, which means they're writing a book! Ask your student what they're writing about.

Math

We're coming to the end of Module 1, numbers to 10. We will be diving in to Modules 2 and 3 over the next weeks. In

Modules 2 and 3 we will be working on 2 and 3-dimensional shapes, as well as comparison with length, weight, capacity, and more study in numbers to 10.

Sanford Harmony (Social and Emotional Training)

In unit 2 we're focusing on promoting emotion understanding and empathy. Students are encouraged to become critical thinkers about their own ideas of emotion and the emotional messages they receive from others.

Computers

Students have been working on logging in and becoming familiar with Dreambox (online math program). In the next month we will be working on coding, and students will make a robot through coding.

PMT

We have PMT every Wednesday, please make sure your child wears comfortable clothes, and most importantly tennis shoes for running and jumping.

We also need 5 volunteers a week for PMT to run smoothly.

Please sign-up through this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2920525/false#/invitation>

if you are able to volunteer.

Art

Art with Ms. Berkowitz runs for the next 4 weeks. If you're able to volunteer please sign-up through this link for

Abramowitz/Hennon art on Mondays, 9:30-10:15:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054fabab23a4f49-artclass>

To volunteer for Beem/Bohannon art class on Tuesdays, 9:30-10:15 please sign-up through this link:

https://app.kidshub.com/signup_sheets/6316-art-class-for-kindergarten-b-b

Science

In Science, we are continuing to work on Marble Run Engineering. We are learning about pushes, pulls, force, gravity and motion.

STEAM

We hope some of your children have chosen to take on the STEAM project for November! If you are choosing to complete the STEAM activity that was sent home last week in the Thursday folder, it is due Thursday, November 21.

Homework

Please continue RAZ Kids and/or nightly reading. Khan Academy should be used several times a week to reinforce math skills learned in class. Also, continue to read and discuss the Time for Kids that come home. In addition to RAZ and Khan Academy your child can be using Dreambox at home. The link to Dreambox can be found under the homework tab on our website.

Thanksgiving Feast

Our feast will take place on Friday, November 22 at 10:30 in the MPR. All parents are welcome to join us for the feast. There is not a sign up genius for the feast, but you will need to sign in at the office before joining us.

You will notice that your child has brought home a piece of paper with the item they should bring to the feast. Please send that item to school with your child on Friday, November 22.

Here is an overview of all food items:

Crackers – Please send one box of crackers.

Cheese – Sliced cheese, enough 10-12 kids.

Cookies – NO NUTS please. If the cookies contain eggs, please label. Store bought or homemade is fine. Enough for 10-12 kids.

Turkey – One pound of turkey. Can be deli turkey.

Corn Bread – Enough for 10-12 kids.

Water Bottles – Enough for 12 or more kids.

Carrots/Celery sticks – Baby carrots or sliced carrot sticks.
Celery sticks. Enough for 12-15 kids.

Fruit – Any sliced fruit/fruit salad. Enough for about 15 kids.

Pumpkin Pie – One pie. Store bought or homemade.

Thanksgiving Plates – About 30 plates.

Napkins – About 30 napkins.

Whipped Cream – One can of whipped cream.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 25th-29th – No School. Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, Dec 11th – Holiday Shoppe – MPR

Friday, Dec 20th – Minimum day. ALL Kinder students, 8:20-10:50

Tuesday, Jan 7th – Back to School in 2020

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

The Kindergarten Team