

Happy October!

We'd like to give you a recap of what we've been working on these past few weeks and share some information that's coming up!

CURRICULUM:

WORKSHOPS- We have kicked off our Readers Workshop, Writers Workshop, and Phonics Workshop! In Readers we are working on the understanding that we are all readers! We are discussing differences between fiction and non-fiction, reading with others, rereading, and rethinking. In Writers we are learning that we are all writers! We are putting ideas on paper with pictures and words, and learning to work independently. In Phonics we are studying the names in our class, learning about syllables and letters.

SCIENCE- We have also started Science! We will be working on a Unit called Marble Run Engineer and will be studying pushing, pulling, and dropping objects. We will discuss force and will eventually design our own marble run tracks.

SOCIAL STUDIES- In Social Studies we are working on Unit 1, Getting Along. We will be talking about rules, citizenship, and character.

MATH- We hope you've also seen your child's completed math pages come home in the Thursday folders. The homework pages that are related to

those lessons are also in the Thursday folder and you are welcome to do them. You can return them or may keep at home. We are currently working on different configurations in numbers and arrays up to 10.

SPECIALIST CLASSES:

COMPUTERS- Be sure to ask your child what they did in computer class. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help and who have sent in headphones!

LIBRARY - Please help your child be responsible in returning their library books. If they do not return their books by the following Wednesday they will not be able to check-out another book. Feel free to send the book in earlier during the week if that is easier for your family.

PMT (Perceptual Motor Training) - Thank you for all the help in PMT. Please remember that your child needs to wear tennis shoes on Wednesdays.

HOMEWORK:

MATH - Every Thursday you will receive a packet of math homework in the Thursday folder that correlates directly to the math lessons completed that week. THIS HOMEWORK IS OPTIONAL. If you and your child choose to do the math worksheets you may return them to school the following Friday in

the empty Thursday folder. You may also do them with your child and keep them at home.

KHAN ACADEMY - In addition to the math worksheets we have a link to Khan Academy on our website. Please register your child using their name. It's meant to be a supplemental math program for you to do with your child. You may do Khan Academy as little or as much as you like, however, we recommend at least two times per week.

RAZ-KIDS - RAZ is a teaching app that provides leveled reading e-books for students. We are checking in to see who is using RAZ and would love to see it being used about 3-4 times a week for 15-20 minutes.

READING - As your child is learning to read please take 20 minutes a day to read with your child. Twenty minutes a night can be with RAZ if you are unable to read with them.

REMINDERS:

Thank you for the wonderful conferences! We were all so pleased to discuss your children and get to know you better.

Fall Festival is on Oct. 18 from 5-9 PM, you won't want to miss this so get your tickets!

Fire Engine Visit: We have a fire engine coming to visit us on Friday Oct. 25th. The kids really look forward to this visit so be sure to ask them about it!

Halloween: We celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31st with a parade that starts at 8:45 AM (more info to follow in Mustang News). Included is our policy for costumes below to help with your costume selections:

Costumes containing blood or weapons (or anything that looks like a weapon) are not permitted. This includes accessories such as light sabers, swords, ray guns, lasers, ninja blades or bow & arrows. Also keep in mind that we have many younger students who may be frightened if a Halloween mask is too scary. Clown masks/costumes are prohibited. If your costume requires make-up or hair coloring, we ask that you save that portion for your evening activities. We will be having our Halloween Parties after the parade so please keep your eyes open so you can sign up to help as this is put on by the room parents.

As always, please feel free to email us with any questions and concerns.

Thank you!

The Kindergarten Team