

Kindergarten News

Sept. 6, 2016

I hope you all had a restful Labor Day Weekend. I know I needed an extra day to recharge my batteries.

- All kindergarten students in the state of Texas are required to be assessed three times during the school year on their language and math skills. These times are: Beginning of the Year (BOY)- Sept., Middle of the Year (MOY) - Jan., and End of the Year (EOY) -late April.
Language skills that are assessed: first sound fluency and letter name fluency.
Math skills that are assessed: counting, number identification, missing number, and quantity discrimination.
We will discuss the results of these assessments at our first scheduled conference. Parent Conferences will be September 26-30. I will schedule conferences before and after school and also during PE (2:00-2:30). Please sign the "Parent Conference Sign-up" and send it back as soon as possible. I will send home a schedule of these conferences at a later date.
- On the **back of this letter** you will find our sight word list. I have added color words and number words (0-10) to our list.
- You are doing a great job being on time to pick your child up from school each afternoon. By being on time you are showing your child that you respect their feelings. If for some reason you are going to be late, you can call the office and leave a message for your child. This will help with those anxious moments when your child realizes that they are the only child left with me.
- This week we will begin focusing on letter names and phonic sounds of each letter. If your child does not know the letter names and sounds, you can help them by making them aware of letters that they see in their environment. A good time to "practice" letter names and sounds is when you read with your child each night. We will also be discussing friends, families, self-awareness, feelings, and emotions.
- Today I will begin to send home your child's math papers that we do together in class. These pages will be stapled together. The last page is for your child to do at home. **You do not have to send any of these papers back to school.** I will **not** be taking grades on these papers.

Please see the note included in today's folder concerning Homecoming week.