

## Kindergarten News-October



**Reading-** This past month we have begun to dive into our new reading program: Wonders by McGraw-Hill. This program introduces the students to phonics, phonemic awareness, writing and vocabulary. This resource rich program allows students to develop each introduced skill through a variety of activities.

We will continue to explore each component of this program and keep you informed as we move along. There are some helpful parent resources you will have access to as the year progresses.

Please review the attached alphabet chart with your child. We implement alphabet recognition into our routine daily, more exposure will help the children continue to become more confident. Also, please see the current list of high-frequency words we have learned. This list will continue to grow month to month. Practice

reading and writing these words with your Kindergarten.

**High Frequency Words-** I, can

**Math-** We have officially become “super sorters!” The students can now sort by shape, size and color. They can also distinguish between objects that are alike or different. They can compare objects that are the same, finding specific attributes linked with each one.

The children have learned very quickly that we practice our sorting skills daily. For example, placing our crayons together, or our markers together. Remember, they can help sort at home when they help with cleaning!

In the month of October, we will begin to explore the world of shapes and patterns. We will learn to recognize both plane and solid shapes. These include: cylinder, cone, sphere, cube, rectangular prism, circle, triangle, square and rectangle. Soon enough, we will have “super shape seekers”!

**Science-** Apples, apples, apples! We spent the month of September exploring a familiar fall fruit, the apple. The students had some prior knowledge of apples prior to beginning our lesson, but still discovered many new facts.

They now know how apples grow, where they grow, how to use apples and can successfully name each part of the apple. They enjoyed cooking with apples and using them for art. You may have even heard of the secret star that hides within the core!

As we move into the month of October we will begin to discover another popular fall fruit, the pumpkin. We will be able to discover this fruit with a special hands-on experience at the Coonamessett Farm. More information in regards to this field trip will be sent home soon. Be on the lookout.

**Religion-** We have been practicing our prayers, as well as the sign of the cross daily. The children are becoming more comfortable with both the prayers and the sign of the cross each day. Please continue to practice these with them at home.

We have also started to explore the beauty of God's world through the story of creation. God made all things and we are all a part of His wondrous plan. The children are reminded of the beauty of creation each day. The children are also reminded that each of them were made to be a part of His world.

We read the story, *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner. The author eloquently paints a picture with his words, expressing the importance each of us holds in God's world. He embraces diversity and uniqueness, for we are all specially made for marvelous moments.

**Self-Help Skills-** A confident Kindergartener is a successful Kindergartner. We are encouraging the students to become more independent when it comes to self-help skills. We always have the children try a task before asking for help.

You can help your Kindergartner become more confident, if you help to enhance their self-help skills. Some ideas may include: packing and unpacking their backpack, getting dressed for school on their own, packing their snack daily.

We know that as parents, we often do for our children because we were used to doing everything when they were younger or simply because we need to get something done quicker. We have all been there, but our goal is to develop confidence and independence and it will only continue to grow with home support. Thank you for your support!

### Things to Remember:

- **Snack-** The students only need a small snack to get them through the morning. Please consider two healthy options when packing a snack.
- **Masks-** Masks will continue to be worn during the school day. Please be sure your child is wearing one each day. It is also helpful to pack extra masks. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Take Home Readers-** You will begin to see paper take home readers from our reading program in the folders. Please keep these at home and practice reading them with your child. Find a special spot for your child to keep them in and get ready to be impressed by your reader!

### Things to Know:

- **Scholastic Books-**Our first Scholastic book order was placed, however Scholastic did inform me that they are experiencing shipping delays. If you ordered books, please know they may take longer than usual to arrive.

### Supplies:

- Paper Towels (2 rolls)
- Tissues (2 boxes)
- Baby or Wet Wipes (1)
- Hand Sanitizer (1)
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Mini Water Bottles

Listed below you will find the names of the families who are on the supply list for the month of October. If you can contribute we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

Assad Family  
Clarke Family  
DaSilva Family

