

Notes from Kindergarten

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What are we learning about?

- We have been learning the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that each one makes. We have read many stories and have been talking about the sequencing of story events.
- In math, we have been counting, identifying numbers, and writing numbers, as well as exploring shapes and pennies.
- The students have worked very hard learning and practicing the rules of our school and classroom.

What are PALS and VKRP?

- Both PALS and VKRP are tests that will be administered in September to all Kindergarten students.
- PALS is a test that assesses letter identification, letter sounds, rhyming, spelling, beginning sounds, and concept of word.
- VKRP assesses basic math skills such as number recognition, number writing, counting, patterns, and addition and subtraction.

What is our daily schedule?

- **8:00-8:30 Morning Meeting/Calendar**
- **8:30-9:30 Guided Reading**
- **9:30-10:30 Guided Math**
- **10:30-11:00 Lunch**
- **11:00-11:30 Bathroom Break/Recess**
- **11:30-12:35 Whole Group Language Arts**
- **12:35-1:25 Special Rotations**
- **1:25-2:15 Social Studies/Science/Cooperative Learning**
- **2:15-2:30 Pack up/Dismissal**

What are Special Rotations?

- **We are on a 3 day rotation schedule which changes every six weeks.**
- **The first six weeks of school we went to STEAM, Library, and Art. Since we did not have P.E. in the rotation schedule, the class had a 30 minute P.E. time every three days.**
- **Currently our 3 day rotation includes P.E., Drama, and Music.**

What will we be learning about next?

- **We will continue to learn and review letters and letter sounds.**
- **Students will soon be bringing home a weekly poem to practice reading, as well as a book of his/her choice.**
- **In math, we will continue to explore shapes and coins. We will be learning about a nickel and students will begin to understand that a nickel has the same value as 5 pennies.**
- **In science, we will be learning about the three states of matter (solid, liquid, and gas). We will also explore items to see if they sink or float.**

What are some important dates to remember?

- **October 6th Fall PTO Fun Run**
- **October 13th NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workday**
- **October 16th NO SCHOOL- Teacher Professional Development**
- **October 18th PTO Meeting**
- **October 20th Field Trip to Marker Miller Orchards/Farm (more information to come)**

