

# Mensik's Monthly: September Edition

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## Reader's Workshop

We're starting our first thematic unit:  
Brown Bear Brown Bear, What Do You See?



The kids are learning that when we're reading, the pictures must match the words! We've also learned there are 3 ways to read a book, meaning... we're already readers! 😊

- 1) Look at/read the pictures
- 2) Read the words
- 3) Retell the story & show it to a friend!

We've also started working on 'private/independent' reading, listening to stories, & reading with a partner!

- **Read to Self:** We're building our stamina in becoming independent readers ... not 'bugs'! 😊
- **Computer Reading (part of Read to Self):** students choose from various computer reading games (Starfall, ABCya, RazKids, etc.)
- **Listen to Reading:** Listen & respond to a CD Book
- **Read to Someone:** Read & discuss a book with a buddy in our classroom library!
- **We're also discussing author & illustrator roles, & recalling/re telling stories in detail!**

## Q1 Sight Words to Practice at Home! 😊

I am an at they like the  
can look see me it a



Happy Birthday!! 😊

Ava 8/10

Madison 8/21

Maggie 9/27

## Math: Numbers 0-10 & Topic Skills

Our new Eureka math curriculum & lessons are off to a great start! Here's what we're up to:

- Representing a number of objects w/ written numeral
- Showing 1-1 correspondence when counting
- Counting to answer "How many?"
- Understanding that the last number said represents the number of objects counted
- Knowing that the number of objects is the same regardless of arrangement or the order in which they're counted

## Things to Practice at Home!

- Showing the numbers 1-10 "the math way!"
  - **This means starting with the pinky on the left hand & counting up across the hands from left to right – just like reading a book!**
- Writing numbers 1 - 20 in order & recognition to 20, if ready
- Practice counting to 100!
- Counting on from a given number
- **Zearn** is a great website to play fun games & build confidence! Log-in cards were sent home – please let me know if you need one, & see my webpage for link!



## Science: Weather & Climate

We'll be observing the weather daily to look for weather patterns & changes! We'll also discuss how to prepare for severe weather!



## Writer's Workshop & Handwriting:

This month, students will be learning that they are authors and illustrators! We'll learn:

- **our letters & numbers start at the top!** We use our tri-grip pencil position!
- how to draw detailed pictures that tell who, what, & where
- how to label pictures, know that **when we think we're done, "we've just begun!"**

