

September 2018

Mrs. Jackson's Kindergarten!

****The office has asked me to remind all Kindergarten parents to call the office if their child is going to be absent from school for any reason.**

Shared Reading

FOCUS: Bill Brown/Eric Carle Unit

SKILLS: Role of Author and Illustrator

Cover and Title of Book

Sequencing

Color Words

Sight Words (I, can, see, you, a, at)

Below are the books we will be reading:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do You Hear?

Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What do you See?

Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See

Reader's Workshop

Starting the second day of school the kindergarten students have been practicing routines of Reader's workshop. We have really been working on *building stamina*. The goal is 20 minutes of uninterrupted independent reading and our little reader have already made it to 8 minutes! The first week of September we will implement partner reading and by the beginning of October or before I will be pulling Guided Reading groups.

Eureka Highlights: (End of Module 1: approx. end of Oct.) We are building fluency every day!

*Analyze to find objects that are exactly the same or not exactly the same

*Classify items into categories/Partner Talk

*Classify to find objects that share a visual pattern, color, or use

*Linear and array configurations

*Model decompositions of numbers

*Correct numeral formation

At Home- THINGS TO PRACTICE:

*Practice writing numbers 1-10 with correct formation in order.

*Work on number recognition to 20 or higher if ready.

*Practice counting to 100.

Handwriting

We have been practicing proper sitting position, proper pencil grasp, proper letter size and formation in school. Please continue to reinforce at home. When writing, we always start our letters at the top, never the bottom!

Writer's Workshop "Launching the Writing Workshop"

Writer's Workshop consists of a whole group mini lesson, time for the students to write independently, and then time for the students to share their stories. This month, students will be learning that they are authors and illustrators. We are all writers who have stories to tell. Pictures can tell a powerful story. The students will be learning how to draw detailed pictures that tell who, what, and where. They will also be learning how to label pictures with words. An important part of the writing process is being able to come up with an idea or topic, which is also one of the most difficult things for the boys and girls to do.

Purple Fluency Bag:

Math games have started coming home. No need to return. Those are yours to keep! Soon we will be keeping fluency bags in backpacks at all times. I will tell the students the "live" in their backpacks.

If you have any questions, please let me know!! Jessica Jackson
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Reminders

September 4 - PICTURE DAY

September 6 - Lockdown Drill

September 13 - Tornado Drill

September 13 - Hot Lunch

September 20 - Hot Lunch

September 21 - Fire Drill

September 27 - Hot Lunch

Sept 28 - Practice Fire Drill

September 28 - Smoothie Day!

Our first field trip is coming in October. We will be going to Dollinger's Pumpkin Farm. More information coming soon!

* Remember to check the "Virtual Backpack" on the FSD157c website. You can download all the hot lunch forms here, and pay on-line if you want to.



Morgan 9/12
Adrian 9/12

Sight Words

1ST QUARTER WORDS:

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

Science:

Weather and Climate
We will be observing and graphing the weather daily to look for weather patterns and changes.