



Weekly News from Mrs. Soots' Kindergarten

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Weekly Review

Today was our 9th day of school. We have been working on letters and sounds, writing numbers and school routines. During our writing block, we decorated our writing folders, which we will use throughout the year. During reading block, we learned how to use a whisperphone, got our bag of leveled books and talked more about the three ways to read.

Weekly Activities

Day/Date	Monday 9/11	Tuesday 9/12	Wednesday 9/13	Thursday 9/14	Friday 9/15
Specials Rotation	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
AM 10:25 - 11:00 PM 2:25 - 3:00	Technology	Art	Library AM Volunteer: Kelly Stevenson PM Volunteer: Holly Dunlap	PE	School Pictures

Curriculum Corner

Theme: Welcome to School

Math (Eureka): Calendar /Number Fluency 1-5, Writing and Identifying Numbers 0-10

Phonics (Foundations): Unit 1: Letter Formation/Sound Practice

Reading: Three Ways to Read (Read the Words, Read the Pictures, Retell the Story), sight words

Sight Words: List 1.A

We learned these words this week:

the	of	to
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We will learn these words next week:

and	a	in
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Letters:

We learned these letters this week:

Tt	Bb	Ff
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We will learn these words next week:

Mm	Nn	in
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Things to Practice

- Writing first name with the first letter capitalized and the rest lowercase
- Dictation (you say a word and they write it. Ex: cat, dog, bug, bag, ran, fan. If words are too difficult, start with letters/sounds)
- Writing letters correctly on lined paper
- Letter sounds.
- Orally counting to 50
- Skip-counting to 100 by fives and tens.
- Writing numbers 1-20

Conferences

Fall conferences are on October 25th, November 2nd and November 9th. Families had the opportunity to sign up at Open House. This year I am using the Sign-Up Genius App to allow families to choose conference times. I sent e-mails to families on Thursday and Friday. You may click on the following link to sign up as well.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4baba628a3f94-fall>

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 11th - PTA Meeting, 7pm in gym

Tuesday, September 12 - PTA Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins

Friday, September 15 - School Picture Day

Friday, September 22 - Scholastic Book Club Orders Due

Tuesday, October 3rd - Kindergarten Field Trip to Patterson's - Pending Approval from Transportation & Mrs. Smolen ☺

Thursday, Oct. 12th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

Friday, Oct. 13th - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

Remind App

I utilize the Remind App to send group texts to Kindergarten families. If you would like to be added our list, please text @mrssootsk to 81010

Absences

It is very important that you contact the office when your child will not be in school. Your child's safety is very important to us. If your child is not here and you haven't notified the school for the absences, the office WILL call the contacts listed in Infinite Campus for your child. In addition, your child's absence will be considered 'unexcused' until the office hears from you.

Please call the Buckeye Absence Line by 9 am if possible. The phone number is 440-358-8601. When you leave a message, please state your child's name, teacher and reason for absence. After three consecutive absences,, you may request homework/schoolwork.

Beaver Store

Both AM and PM have had the opportunity to visit the Beaver Store once. Thank you to Mrs. Buser (PM) for coming in this week and to Mrs. Schimmelfennig (AM) for coming in last week. Next week, we will not have the store due to Picture Day. Students have the opportunity to earn money through good behavior. In addition, they earn an additional Beaver Buck for a parent/guardian's initials each day. Please check your child's behavior chart and return it each day!!

Scholastic Book Clubs

Today I sent home a copy of the Kindergarten Scholastic Book Club Order. Parents and students are certainly not required to purchase books. However, I send these forms home because it provides parents with an opportunity to build home libraries at a reasonable cost. There are additional catalogs available online at <https://orders.scholastic.com/GX2N7>. All orders and money are due back on Friday, September 22nd.

Social Skills Curriculum

This year, we will complete a social skills curriculum in kindergarten! Over the past few years, I have noticed that as we raise our expectations for academics, social skills have reduced significantly. Social skills include concepts such as taking turns, interrupting, following directions, and asking a friend to play. In a recent study, utilizing social-emotional health programs helped significantly improve social skills and in some cases, academic performance.

We will utilize a program called KinderSocial Skills. We will complete a lesson on day 5 of our specials rotation. There are 75 kid-friendly lessons. The social stories contain two main characters, Tom Cat and Tabby Cat. The two cats will take the students on adventures as they are introduced to the broad social skills context through both home and school settings. After each lesson, students will complete an activity sheet related to the social skill. There is a note at the bottom of each paper so parents can track the social skill and hopefully continue the discussion of that skill at home.

Listed below are the skills that we will review this year. I may change the order of the lessons based on the needs of the students this year.

Story 1: Taking Turns
Story 2: Following directions
Story 3: Following rules
Story 4: Sharing
Story 5: Being a good friend
Story 6: Impulse control
Story 7: Voice volume
Story 8: Tattling
Story 9: Being first and last
Story 10: Interrupting
Story 11: Personal space
Story 12: Asking for help
Story 13: Apologizing
Story 14: Helping
Story 15: Praising others
Story 16: Good sportsmanship
Story 17: Patience
Story 18: Compromising
Story 19: Respecting others
Story 20: Eye contact
Story 21: Identifying feelings
Story 22: Expressing feelings
Story 23: Encouragement
Story 24: Complimenting
Story 25: Communicating clearly
Story 26: Expected behavior
Story 27: Think before you speak
Story 28: Peer pressure
Story 29: Problem solving
Story 30: Manners
Story 31: Being flexible
Story 32: Accepting "no"
Story 33: Accepting criticism
Story 34: Celebrating success
Story 35: Asking permission
Story 36: Participation
Story 37: Staying on task
Story 38: Using names
Story 39: Conflict resolution
Story 40: Cooperation
Story 41: Forgiving
Story 42: Reliability

Story 43: Trust
Story 44: Initiating a conversation
Story 45: Holding a conversation
Story 46: Ending a conversation
Story 47: Responsibility
Story 48: Respecting yourself
Story 49: Respect property
Story 50: Respect others
Story 51: Respect authority
Story 52: Facial expressions
Story 53: Body language
Story 54: Honesty
Story 55: Perseverance
Story 56: Making mistakes
Story 57: Best effort
Story 58: Avoiding conflicts
Story 59: Accepting differences
Story 60: Confidence
Story 61: Actions impacting others
Story 62: Self-esteem
Story 63: Being bossy
Story 64: Being positive
Story 65: Calming down
Story 66: Making decisions
Story 67: Knowing strengths
Story 68: Knowing weaknesses
Story 69: Multiple friends
Story 70: Gratitude
Story 71: Sore loser
Story 72: Control
Story 73: Guilt
Story 74: Giving Criticism
Story 75: Separation