

September 2, 2011



Dear Parents,

It was such an exciting and busy week this first full week of Kindergarten. The children began learning their everyday morning routine and are doing a pretty great job at it! They did a wonderful job splitting into small groups for language arts and math and were catching on quick, and had a good time at library and computer. By the way, library books will need to be returned each Monday in order for your child to receive a new book. An exception would be the Labor Day Holiday this Monday, September 5, which means library books will be returned on Tuesday instead. Also, if any of your children have earbuds with attachments that help them fit better in the ear canal, please send them to school with your child's name on them and I can send them on to Mrs. Brinkman. Thank you! Tuesday and Thursday P.E. with Mr. Foy was a blast, and the children learned what it means to be a "drink counter" at the water fountain after class. Wednesday's music class with Mrs. Miller was so much fun that your children cannot wait until next week! We began science this week and had a great time discussing objects ("things") around us, read about our five senses that help us know about objects and how to describe them (i.e., by discussing their shape, color, size, and what materials objects are made of).

We have been reviewing the routines, procedures, and rules for the classroom and school each day and discussing them at length. Our social studies lessons this week on rule following and getting along have tied in so nicely with our beginning of the year activities. Please have a discussion with your children reinforcing the appropriate times to use the bathroom: before leaving home, before the morning bell, during recess/snack time, and recess/lunch time. This Tuesday, September 6th I plan on starting the behavior/card chart. Please make sure to discuss the following points with your child. Each child has a green, yellow, and red card with his/her name on it. Green means your child is displaying appropriate classroom learning behavior i.e., is listening, sitting properly on the rug or at his/her table, following directions and classroom/school rules, etc. Each new day the children start at the same place, green. Yellow means, slow down, you have had a warning/reminder to change your behavior before it gets changed to the red card. Red means that a child is not displaying the appropriate behavior i.e., is not listening, following directions or the classroom/school rules.

As we approach the beginning of our parent volunteering please remember the importance of confidentiality in the classroom. Anything you see in the classroom while you are volunteering should not be discussed outside of the classroom. Any questions concerning a child's behavior should be directed to the teacher. Thank you!



Have a fabulous Labor Day weekend!

~Miss O'Rourke

~Mrs. Raffetto