

Kindergarten Classroom Routines

Calendar Routines

Each day at school your child participates in a calendar routine. You will find a calendar for the month attached. Each morning have your child;

1. Write the number on their calendar. Ask your child to tell you the complete date.
2. Next you will find the day of the week chart. Have your child cut and keep the days of the week for daily use. Students can read the sentence filling in the correct day of the week.
3. You will also find weather pictures. Have your child cut and keep these pictures for daily use. On the "What's the weather like today" chart discuss what the weather is for that particular day and pick the picture card.
4. During morning meeting, we typically go over sight words for about 5-10 minutes. Please review sight words that were sent home with your child.

Math

In math right now we are beginning to work on putting together and taking apart number groups (beginning phases of addition and subtraction). At home please review these concepts as well as review counting by ones, tens, writing and identifying numbers, and shapes. Included in the packet you will find sample math activities to do with your child.

Reading/Writing

Each day your child will participate in a reading mini lesson followed by rotations. Each block of our rotation is around 15 minutes long.

- At home "mini-lesson": Read a story to/with your child and talk about the book. Make predictions about the book before reading, discuss events during the reading, and after the reading go over the various story elements. Some of the story elements we focus on in class are the characters, setting, problem, solution, events, and connection.
- In writing, we continue to work on writing with more detail and writing more complex sentences. Our focus lately has been on writing opinion and persuasive writing pieces. Urge your child to sing the "because song" if they forget how to spell "because" correctly.

- If possible, take advantage of the many free online apps that are available to parents and teachers that have language arts games. In the packet you will see some online suggestions.

Phonemic Awareness

Attached in our packet is a phonemic awareness warm up we do for each day of the week. These activities should only take about 10 minutes to do. Please omit the flashcard practice in this warmup. In addition, please see handouts for more phonemic awareness activities and games. Have fun with it!

Thank you for your continued support at home! It takes a village!

-Kindergarten Team