

## Kindergarten News

#### Week 9 - October 2nd to October 6th, 23/24

Next week there is no school - October 9th - 13th - Fall Break

Phonograms this week: q, r

Phonograms to review: a, b, c, d, e. f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p

Phonogram Test over: q, r

Poem "#5" - Please study our New poem with your child. This can be part of their homework. : We will work on this poem for 2 weeks. The oral presentation will be on October 20th.



Straight down and around a duck alive, add a bill to make a FIVE.

### **Objectives for this week:**

**Spalding -** Phonograms q, r. Work on counting sounds in a given word. Writing practice of phonograms. Review of a, b,c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p using the Phonogram Circus DVD.

**Reading** - The Fall is a wonderful time for your child to be a mad scientist of language; there will be plenty of time later for coherence and neatness. If you do find, however, that your child consistently resists picking up pencils or markers; and especially if your child does not seem to be able to connect letters to sounds, even with lots of practice, we will need to do more. The fall months of kindergarten are a time to <u>observe carefully</u>, and offer support. Many children, especially those young for kindergarten, may just need a little more time to develop.



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But if your child is really struggling, now is the time to ask careful questions: What experiences seem most challenging?

#### Ways to help your child:

- \* Help your child practice writing letters, especially the letters in their names.
- Run your finger under the words as you read to your child to help them learn that words go from left to right and top to bottom.
- Play games with rhyming words to help your child hear similar sounds in words. For example, as you are going up the stairs, name one word that rhymes with cat for each step as you go up.
- Give your child two and three step directions. For example: "put on your pajamas, brush your teeth and pick a book to read."
- Play Simon Says with two or three step directions. For example:
  "Simon Says jump up and down and shout hooray."
- Please have your child listen to the Phonogram Circus DVD at home.
  This will be a great review tool.

**Math -** Continue working on counting to 20 orally, written # 0 - 20, Identifying objects 1-20, charts / graphs and patterns. We are also starting to skip count by 2's.

**Language Arts -** Listening skills, following directions, word families, nouns, and identifying the characters in a story. We will also be working on learning the poem #5.



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**Science -** This week we will continue working on Scientific Method and magnet exploration.

**Social Studies -** We will continue working on understanding the working parts of a community. What we can do as students for our communities.

#### **Parent Information**

Hello Parents,

- Parent Conferences are coming up. Please make sure you have received a confirmation sheet from me on the assigned time for your child's conference.
- Please take out all papers on the "HOME" side of your child's green folder > Review them with your child and keep them at home! :-) Also, please make sure to sign return the homework slips each night.
- There will be a packet of work for your child to work on during break. It is important to keep up on skills during time off.

Thank You,

Mrs. M. Kimball