

Kindergarten “CONN"ection

**September 9, 2016**

***News to Share:***

***PTA & Upcoming Events:***

* 9/9 Early Release 1:15
* 9/11 Green Team 10:30am-12:30pm
* 9/15 Open House/Parade of Staff 6-8pm
* 9/18 Popsicles in the Park 2-4pm
* 9/30 Early Release 1:15

***Weekly Reports:*** Watch for the weekly reports every Friday. They are a great way to stay informed on your student’s Work Habits and Conduct. As well as an opportunity to discuss goals and praise hard work each week. We will send them home with the Friday Folders (black with school logo). Remember to sign and return them on Monday. ***PLEASE*** keep them safe in your child’s book bag over the weekend.

***Homework:*** Homework will begin soon. Remember that homework is a time for families and children to work together. We ask that you stop homework after 20 minutes. If it is not complete after 20 minutes, please write “stopped at 20 minutes” on your child’s homework. This is enough time for your child to practice skills and we want to reduce the chance of your child (and you) ☺ from becoming frustrated. Please return your child’s homework in the “homework” sleeve of the RED daily folder. **Homework is due each Friday morning**!

***Rest Towel***: We will send rest towels and water bottles home on Fridays to be washed. ***Please return them on Mondays.***

***Snack:*** Please send in a snack for your child to eat during snack daily. Our snack time is scheduled during the afternoon and their growing bodies are hungry. We also highly encourage that you provide a water bottle for daily use.

**Conscious Disciple Parent Connection:** This month in conscious discipline we are working on composure**.** We want our kindergarteners to stay calm in difficult situations or conflicts. One way we help students maintain their composure is through the safe place or “Cozy Corner.” The safe place is a spot in the classroom where students can go to: sit, practice calming exercises and relax. They can be a S.T.A.R. (**S**mile **T**ake a breath **A**nd **R**elax). At home encourage your child to regain their composure so they can talk and express their emotions calmly and clearly. It might be a good idea to make a safe place at home. It could be a seat or their bedroom. You can find other helpful hints at **connclimate.weebly.com**

# *Curriculum Update*

***Math:*** This week we are working to correctly write numbers and creating number sense. This will be a time for the children to begin to work collaboratively with their peers as they develop their number sense, and connect objects with numbers. We have also continued to build our daily routines.

***Reading and Literacy:*** Our classrooms are busy reading books, interacting with different kinds of stories, and learning about the parts of a book! We are also practicing routines and how to work together in small groups with the teachers and with other students while exploring literacy activities. Don’t forget to ask your child about what stories they have read or what Letterland character they met.

***Writing:*** In journals we are introducing Writers Workshop and developing our journal ideas as well as beginning to label or write a sentence to explain our ideas on paper. We are also working on recording correct beginning and ending letter sounds. Remember, please do not spell words for your kindergartner. We want them to listen for the sounds and each word and write what they hear.

***Letterland:*** We will continuing to introduce all of the Letterlanders over the next two weeks. The students are enjoying learning letter sounds, names, movements, and songs. You can ask your student about Annie Apple and Bouncy Ben, along with other characters they have been introduced to. They may even have a favorite already!

***Modules****:* This week, we have introduced our 1st Module to our classes! Our Module is, “I am a Citizen”. Students are learning how to be a responsible student in our classrooms, school, and neighborhoods.

***Technology Central***

* We will begin introducing the computers and logins to the students. Please help your child learn their lunch number as this is their login.
* ***Try this app:*** ipad/ipod: *Common Core number and operations in base ten*. This is great for K-2 to work on common core standards!

**Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns ☺**

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