



Mrs. Smith's Smidgens Friday, May 3rd, 2024

Phonograms

All 70 phonograms have now been taught to students! 😊

Remember, phonograms #1-#54 are required for 1st Grade.

We will continue to practice because . . .

Kindergarten Countdown 11 days!

Oh, no! Next week we get to the single digits

Phonogram and Spelling Test

Our next to last test will be Thurs., May 9th. We will have 10 phonograms and 10 spelling words.

r	mother
t	three
v	land
w	child
x	ice
kn	play
gn	sea
wr	bird
ie	cool
dge	earth

Page 4 has the handwritten list.

I am now dictating a sentence at the end of our test. Most students did well. We will work on capital letters at the beginning, finger spaces between words, and punctuation at the end.

This Week's Math Concepts

- * Count by 10's (Part 1)
- * Count by 10's (Part 2)
- * Numbers to 30

Next Week's Math Concepts

- * Numbers to 40
- * Numbers to 50
- * Numbers to 80

Coins

We are continuing to learn about and count with coins during our daily Math Meeting. So far, students have practiced counting with pennies and dimes. Next week, we add nickels to the mix.

Sound in a Sack "ch"

This Week's Read-Aloud Books

Now I Know Clouds

By Roy Wandelmaier

Winnie-the-Pooh

By A.A. Milne

Chapter 6: "Eeyore Has a Birthday and Gets Two Presents"

Chapter 7: "Kanga and Baby Roo Come to the Forest, and Piglet Has a Bath"

Core Knowledge

This week we began our final Core Knowledge unit, Weather Patterns. Students started their weather journal, which they remind me to do each day. We learned about 4 types of clouds: nimbus, cumulus, stratus, and cirrus. We learn more about clouds next week and will learn about sunlight, too. FYI Our plants have FINALLY begun to grow! 😊

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Capital Letters

Our instruction in writing capital letters the "TCA way" continues. Many students are not writing their capital letters the "TCA way," even the capital letter at the beginning of their name. When we are finished writing all 26 capitals, I'll send that page home as well as a page with the steps for writing TCA capital letters.

Baby Wipes

Our classroom is running low on baby wipes. I'd certainly like to keep up the wiping our hands routine until the end of school year. If possible, could you donate a package or two to help us finish the school year healthy? Just place in your child's backpack and tell them to give them to me next week. Thanks!

EOY Picnic

Please refer to the email I sent out Tuesday morning regarding our End of the Year Picnic, Games, and Certificate Ceremony at Fox Run Park. Grandparents are no longer allowed to attend unless they are attending in lieu of a parent. Please contact me if that is your situation. Also, I did not have any volunteers sign up to coordinate our EOY Picnic "Fun and Games" portion of our time together. If you are interested, let me know ASAP. Otherwise, students will just have LOTS of time to enjoy the playground and I will rework our event schedule.

Birthdays

If your child has a summer birthday or somehow missed celebrating their birthday or 1/2 birthday during the school year, we can celebrate in May! Let me know if you wish to do this for your child ASAP!

Upcoming Absence

I will be absent from TCA Fri., May 10th-Tuesday, May 14th. My youngest son, Zachary, is graduating from college! This will be a special time for me as well as my other 3 children as he "graduated" from TCA in May, 2020 during the COVID Pandemic and we were not able to be together to celebrate. Therefore, I'm not expecting to be checking my email or Google Voice texts very often. Contact the school office with anything related to your student's school attendance or anything else that should come up during my absence. Thanks for understanding.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., May 8th: Students Return Baggie Books

Baggie books must be returned on Wed. I will not be able to process baggie books on Thursday due to the Mommy and Me Tea Party.

Thurs., May 9th: Phonogram Test and Spelling Test

See details on Page 1 and the handwritten list on Page 4.

Thurs., May 9th: Students Return Library Books

This will be students' last week to check out a library book for this school year.

Thurs., May 9th: Final Baggie Books Go Home

Baggie books will be sent home only with students who returned their baggie book on Wed., May 8th.

Thurs., May 9th: Mommy and Me Tea Party

AM Class: 10:30-11:30

PM Class: 2:30-3:30

Handmade invitations went home in students' take-home folders last week. Both students and moms may "dress up" for the tea party. If your student is not dressing up, he/she must wear TCA uniform. Blue jeans are not considered "dress up" clothes for TCA students.

Tues., May 14th: Kindergarten Field Day

AM Class 10:00-11:00

PM Class 2:00-3:00

No parent volunteers are needed as 6th Grade students will be assisting Mrs. Campos with Field Day. All parents are invited to attend and "cheer on" our class. Your student may wear athletic clothes and shoes for Field Day.

Tues., May 21st: Last Day of Kindergarten at School in Our Classroom

Wed., May 22nd: End of the Year Picnic, Games, and Certificate Ceremony at Fox Run Park

AM Class 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

PM Class 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

More information and a permission slip will go home on Monday. Moms, dads, and siblings not in school are WELCOME to attend!

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