



Kindergarten Bee News

A Great Start

We have certainly been enjoying getting to know your children this past month. The boys and girls are working very hard to learn classroom routines and they are making friends and having fun. On the evening of November 14th or the morning of Nov. 15th (P.A. day) there will be an opportunity for you to have an interview with the Kindergarten educators to discuss the Communication of Learning (progress report). More information will be coming home in early November.

Book Orders

Book orders are due Oct 22nd.

Winter Dressing

Cooler weather will be here before we know it. Encourage your child to become an independent dresser. Dressing for recess and home is a challenging task. Winter coats and boots can be difficult to put on, so here are a few tips to help your child be successful with winter dressing.

- Consider coats and boots without removable liners. These liners often come out and are difficult for students to put back in.
- Start practicing now. Encourage your child to put on their boots and coats independently so they will be ready when the cold weather arrives. Make it a game, dress to the beat of music (fast or slow), or even a race that they can win!
- Also, it is a good idea to send in cooler weather clothes to put in their extra clothes bag.

Extra Shoes

Students do not have indoor and outdoor shoes and don't change shoes throughout the day, but if you may want your child to have an extra pair of shoes at school in case they wear rainboots and forget to bring shoes.

Fine Motor Skills

Improvement of fine motor skills through play makes it possible for children to succeed with their writing tasks in the classroom. Give your child the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills every day by building with small blocks, "sewing" using a shoelace or string through holes punched into cardboard along the edges, and by using play dough or clay. Strong fine motor skills are also important for using scissors successfully. Give your child ample opportunity to practice using scissors to cut along lines and curves drawn on paper or to cut out pictures, letters or shapes found in old newspapers or magazines. Show your child how to keep his/her thumb on top when cutting while the other hand holds and turns the paper.

Names

JK Students are working hard to learn how to print their names. Keep up the good work and remember to learn how to form letters correctly. Once learned the wrong way it is difficult to change habits. Correct letter formation will help students be more efficient as they develop their writing skills.

Class Trip to the Bell Homestead

On December 6th we will spend the morning at the Bell Homestead. More info to follow closer to the date.

Toys

Please encourage your child to leave toys at home. If he or she brings toys to school, the toys should remain in backpacks so that they don't get lost or broken.

Teddy Files

Please return teddy files each day. If you lose one, just replace it with a large Ziploc with your child's name on it.

Good questions to ask your child about his or her day at school:

- What was the best thing that happened at school today? (and worst)
- Tell me something that made you laugh today?
- How did you help somebody today?
- How did somebody help you today?
- What was the letter of the day today? What sound does that letter make? What words do you know that start with that letter? (Give your own suggestions for words that start with the letter of the day).

Halloween Costume Day

On October 31st, students can wear a costume to school (nothing too scary and no weapons).

Dates to Remember

- Book orders due - October 22nd
- Halloween - October 31st

Your partners in education,

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