



P.S. 196Q Kindergarten Newsletter

October 2016



Welcome to Fall!

It is hard to believe we have made it through the first month of school already! Your children have already learned so much and will continue to grow as learners!

Literacy Corner with Ms. Hayes:



Kindergarten writers will spend this month looking closely and observing the world around them. In fact, writers are like scientists! They notice things that most people walk right past! Writers stop, look closely, and jot down their observations and thoughts using pictures and words. We will use mentor texts to learn more about how authors create information books. Students will learn how to elaborate on their thinking by labeling representational drawings to capture their thoughts and ideas on a topic that is interesting to them.

Reading Workshop:

During October in Kindergarten we will be going more in depth in Reader's Workshop to try to read unknown or tricky words. Readers will be learning multiple strategies to be able to read tricky words. We will be using the pictures, first letter and last letter to try to read tricky words. We will also be looking across the word, looking for word wall words and thinking to ourselves "does this make sense?" We will continue to go on picture walks to retell the story in our own words.

Reading Strategies you can work on at home:

- *Read with your child daily and focus on looking at the pictures to try to read unknown words.
- *Discuss your favorite part and why.
- *Retell the story in their own words using beginning, middle and end.

Writing Workshop:

During October in writing we will be going more in depth in our Writing Workshop. We will continue to learn and practice our letter recognition, keywords, and letter sounds through our FUNdations program. We will also be learning multiple strategies to try to put words in our writing. We will be using our ABC chart, word wall and our classroom. We will also try to sound out words like a rubber band and write the sounds we hear. We will even try to begin to write sentences!

Writing Strategies you can work on at home:

- *Use the FUNdations ABC chart to practice letter recognition, keyword, and sounds.
- *Make flashcards to practice word wall words.
- *Write a story about something special they did.
- *Draw a picture and try to label it using beginning and ending sounds





Social Studies:

Unit 1: My School and School Community

*We will learn about how we are unique by talking about ourselves and our families

*We will learn that classrooms and communities have rules that are important

*We will learn that children have roles and responsibilities in the classroom

*We will learn that schools are an important part of the community

Science:

Unit 1: Trees through the Seasons



- We will continue to learn about plants and what they need in order to grow, live, and survive, and also about some plants' life cycles.
- We will also learn how plants respond to the changes in their environment.
- We will learn about the life cycle of a plant by doing a

Reminders:

Please remember to check and empty your child's folder every night.

Please remember to send homework notebook, math book and folder to school every day.

Please send in change of clothes appropriate for the cold weather.

Please remember for safety please drop your child off in the morning and leave right away so they can walk safely into the building. ☺

Important Dates

- **October 3rd and 4th No school Rosh Hashanah**
- **October 5th First day of kindergarten hot lunch**
- **October 10th No School Columbus Day**
- **October 12th No school Yom Kippur**
- **October 19th Trip to the Farm**

Math:

Represent, Count and Write Numbers 0-5

In this chapter we will be representing, counting and writing numbers 0-5. We will be representing numbers on the fives frame by using math helpers called counters. We will be practicing writing numbers 0-5 by tracing. We will also be learning the number name to represent each number. We will also be learning the different ways to make 5. We will also be problem solving to understand the number 0.

Math strategies you can work on at home are:

- Have your child count objects to 5.
- Have your child represent a number to 5 with objects.
- Have your child practice writing their numbers correctly to 5.

