



Kindergarten Monthly Newsletter

October 2008



Book It

We will begin our Book It reading incentive program in October. Later on this month, we will send home instructions for that program. Please keep the form at home until all books and minutes have been read.



Report Cards

Report cards will go home on Wednesday, October 15th. Please sign the paper attached to the report card and return it in the envelope ASAP. If you need to schedule a conference about the report card, please let us know.



Fall Festival

We want to invite everyone to come out and enjoy the Fall Festival at New Manchester Elementary on October 25th from 11:00 am – 2:00 p.m. There will be a moon walk, cake walk, hay ride, “Spooky Trail”, food, candy, and lots of games! Please come join us for some family fun!!



HOORAY!



Miles Whiteside, from Mrs. Adams' class, was chosen for the Excellent Eagle Award for Patience for the month of September!



Eagle Tickets



This month your child will need to earn 378 tickets to attend the Eagle Celebration on October 31st.



Learning Goals

Language Arts

- Demonstrates concepts of print
- Demonstrates phonemic awareness skills
- Applies writing process
- Identifies uppercase and lowercase letter names
- Identifies letter sounds
- Reads and comprehends simple text
- Retells stories
- Reads high-frequency words (25+)
- Recites short poems and songs

Mathematics

- Identifies and writes numerals and produces models for number words 0-10
- Applies numbers to counting
- Identifies positional relationships (beside, above, and below)
- Understands measurement of calendar time

Science

- Recognizes similarities/differences of living and non-living animals

Social Studies

- Identifies the purposes and customs of holidays
- Identifies important American symbols and their meaning
- Recites personal information
- Explains difference between map and globe

Be Ready ~ Be Respectful ~ Be Responsible



Phonemic Awareness

Phonemic awareness is an essential part of the reading process. These are the areas that we can work on in the classroom that you can also be working on at home: rhyming (producing rhyming words and recognizing rhyming pictures), blending word parts, and blending phonemes, detecting beginning and ending sounds.



25 Book Campaign

This year we are "Reading Around the World in 180 Days"! This is to encourage students to read more as well add cultural books to their reading choices. To kick off this theme we will host an International Festival! If you are interested in sponsoring a booth to represent a country, please contact Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Worley in the Media Center (770-651-4418).



Mark Your Calendar

- **October 2nd** – PTA Meeting @ 6:30
- **October 8th** – Picture Re-take
- **October 13th** – NO SCHOOL
- **October 13th** – Box Tops Labels Due
- **October 14th** – NO SCHOOL
- **October 15th** – Report Cards Issued
- **October 25th** – Fall Festival
- **October 31st** – Eagle Celebration
- **October 31st** – Homework Due



Reminders

- ☺ Please check book bags EVERYDAY!
- ☺ Please make sure your child can read a calendar, tell you how many days are in a week, read the days of the week, tell you how many months are in a year, and say the months in order.
- ☺ *Read, read, read* to your child. Keep a log of all books read so your child can belong to the 100 book club.
- ☺ Use flashcards with your child for letters, sight words, and numbers.
- ☺ Your child should be able to tell his/her full name, full address, telephone number, and birth date - including the year.



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