

KINDERGARTEN OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

We have had a wonderful start to the year here in kindergarten! The boys and girls have been working hard to learn all their letter names and letter sounds with the help of the **Alphafriends**. Remember, our goal is for our children to know all letter names, both uppercase and lowercase as quickly as possible. Have your child recite the chant-you'll be amazed at what they already know. Congratulations to the students who already have mastered this important skill!

Conferences are quickly approaching. We want to thank everyone who came to Curriculum Night and signed up for a **conference on either Thursday, October 16, or Monday, October 20**. If you were unable to attend Curriculum Night, your child's teacher will be setting up a time that is convenient for both of you to meet. Reminder notes will be coming home soon with your time and date. Look for these in Wednesday Folders.

Our reading themes for October will be concentrating on **colors and family**. Lots of exciting activities have been planned for Work Station time to reinforce these important concepts for the kindergartners. To add excitement to learning our colors, we are asking the kindergartners to wear clothing of specific colors during the weeks of September 29th and October 6th. The list is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 29th---Blue

Tuesday, Sept. 30th---Green

Wednesday, Oct. 1st---Black

Thursday, Oct. 2nd---Orange

Friday, Oct. 3rd---Red

Monday, Oct. 6th---Yellow

Tuesday, Oct. 7th---Purple

Wednesday, Oct. 8th---White

Thursday, Oct. 9th---Gray

Friday, Oct. 10th---Favorite color!

We also will be in need of **magazines** appropriate for kindergartners to cut color pictures from for a workstation activity. If you have some to **donate**, we would appreciate getting them for this project.

Here are just a few things that you can be working on with your child at home to reinforce what we have been practicing in the classroom:

- Writing first and last names with lowercase letters
- Tying shoes, zipping coats and backpacks
- Rhyming words
- Writing and naming numbers 1-10 (or higher!)
- Practicing all letter names and sounds in random order
- Counting with one-to-one correspondence
- Drawing with details and labeling pictures
- Writing down sounds they hear to "spell" unknown words in writing

We just want to thank all of you for your generous offers of volunteering time and making donations of objects to our classroom. Thank you for the many Scholastic Book Orders we received. This provides us with points for items we can use in our classrooms. We have the most **AWESOME** parents around! Happy Fall!