

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Kindergarten News

October, 2007

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 upper- case 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!

We want to welcome Mr. John Weideman to kindergarten. He will be student teaching with us this fall, starting full time on October 1. He is from Doane College working on an Early Childhood Degree. Welcome, Mr. Weideman!

Conferences are quickly approaching. We want to thank everyone who came to Curriculum Night and signed up for a **conference on either Thursday, October 11, Monday, October 15 or Tuesday, October 16**. If you were unable to attend Curriculum Night, your child's teacher will be contacting you to set 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. We will also be taking a field trip to **Chet Ager Nature Center** on **Friday, Oct 19th**, to explore the changing colors in nature. We will be hiking, so please dress your child appropriately for the weather that day. Morning classes will go from **9:30 to 11:00** and afternoon classes will go from **12:30 to 2:00**. We will need parent chaperones, so watch for more information!

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 students and parents around! Happy Fall!

Mrs. Heiser, Miss Cook, Mrs. Richter