

Kindergarten News

We made it through the first four days of school with smiles, laughs, a few tears, and several raindrops. I hope you received your "kissing hand" and it has helped you as you send your child off to school.

We have 25 students in our class. We have 10 boys and 15 girls.

We had a great time learning the routines, going to Music and Gym, and just starting Kindergarten. Thank you for helping make your child's first four days in Kindergarten an exciting and smooth time.

In Religion, we discussed what we would be learning during the year. We learned what the different symbols in our Religion books mean. We also learned that God is watching over us and loves us no matter what. You should find a page outlining the topics that will be covered in our first religion unit attached to this newsletter. I ask you to take the time to read it over and refer to it as the chapters come home. The children also learned that we can talk to God anytime and he will answer our prayers as long as it helps bring His love to the world.

We read several books during the week. Some of our favorites were The Kissing Hand, The Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We also read some non-traditional versions of The Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. We worked on writing the letters A-D. The children also painted self-portraits on Thursday. They will be hanging in the classroom all year long.

In Math, we learned about some of the special symbols we will see in our Math book and what they mean. We also began sorting objects. The children have had a lot of fun sorting buttons and shapes different ways.

We have also learned a couple of new songs that we will use throughout the school year. We learned "The Days of the Week" song, to the tune of "The Addams Family". We also learned "Tooty Ta" a silly song to help us learn our sounds. It has a "GREAT" dance that goes along with it.

Book Orders were due in the classroom on Friday and on-line on Sunday, August 30. Remember you can order the books online. Go to: www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. The user name is: missbreensclass. The password is: Kindergarten.

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As we are all adjusting to the start of a new school year, there are several things that I need to let you know and other things that I want to remind you of.

1. You are no longer allowed to walk your child into the school. If it is before 7:30 the children are to walk into the Main Hall and wait (like we have been doing this week). If it is after 7:30 the children are supposed to walk directly to the classroom. If your child has too much to carry on his/her own, you can bring the things into the classroom, please check in with the office first.
2. Please pack your child's snack in a separate bag or container. This will save us from opening lunchboxes and mistakenly eating snack at lunchtime. You will need to provide your child with a drink (if they want one) for snack.
3. Birthday treats should be without nuts.
4. If your child attends After-School care on a regular basis, you must send a note and/or call Mrs. Anderson and me if there is a change. If we do not know, your child will go to AfterSchool.
5. If you have not sent in your child's smock and/or change of underwear and socks these items must be in on Monday.

Please remember to pack a lunch and drink Monday through Wednesday next week. There is a Special Food Day on Thursday. If you did not order a lunch for Thursday, you need to send a lunch and a drink.

Next Week: Introduce letters E-I, continue sorting
Sunday: On-line Book Orders Due
Monday: All supplies must be in
Thursday: Special Food Day
Casual Dress (jeans are OK)
Friday: All School Mass 8:30
Early Dismissal 11:15
Highlights forms due