Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter

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**Language Arts**

In language arts this week we learned the letters Yy, Zz, Uu, and Vv. We talked about words that start with these letters and sounds. We colored in capital letters, highlighted those letters in books, and went on hunts around the room to find those letters. We have now finished introducing all of the letters

**Mathematics**

In math this week we learned different ways to make 8 and 9. A phrase that we are familiarizing ourselves with is “How many less than 10 is 8 or 9?”

**New Procedure**

As we approach the end of the first grading period it has become very apparent that the students are becoming comfortable with school….a little too comfortable! Starting on Monday if your child puts a clip on their name I will fill out a “clip slip” and send it home. Please sign it and return in it so that I know that you have seen the slip.

This is a smaller version of the clip paper.

Today in Kindergarten I pulled a clip for:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

**Information**

**If you have information that you need for me to see, please put it in your child’s folder. I do not check book bags. Please make sure that you are emptying the folder every night!**

As always any questions or concern email me at mccunek@wcsoh.org

**Specials for next week**:

Monday B Day- Library

Tuesday C Day- Computers

Friday- D Day- Gym PM only

**Book-in-Bag**

Next week we will begin doing our guided reading groups. This will be a learning experience for the students as our daily routine will change. The students will be expected to be independent doing their center work while I am working with a small group. There are some students who are not quite ready for books yet. They will, however, have some sort of letter activity that they can practice at home in their bag.

**Home work for Book-in-a-bag**

Please read the book with your child at least three times every night. Make sure that your child is pointing under each of the words as they read. If they get to a word that they do not know help them by first sounding out the letter, looking for chunks, or thinking about what would make sense in the sentence. As a last resort you can tell them what the word is. This is extremely important for your child to grow as a reader.

The bags will come home on different nights. If you child brings home a bag on Monday I expect it to be back at school the following Monday. If your child brings home a bag on Tuesday, then the bag is due back by the following Tuesday and so on. **Please be advised…I can tell when they are not reading their books at home. This drastically reduces the rate at which they learn to read.**

I have a sheet inside the zip lock bag that I would like for you to sign each night you read. You only have to sign once a night. For every sheet that the students complete they will get to pick out of my prize bucket.

If there is not a book in your child’s bag at first you can sign for the completing the letter activities nightly with your child. Your child will eventually get a book to read nightly with you.

If your child does not return the book on their day, they will still participate in reading group, however, they will not be allowed to take another book home until the old book is returned.

At first the books may seem too simple, but we will move quickly once the students get the “hang of it”.

If you have any questions about this new procedure please feel free to email me at mccunek@wcsoh.org .