Sept. 13, 2019

Dear Parents,

What a great week it has been! The kids are doing well adjusting to our school schedule. They have already learned so much in the 14 days of school we’ve had! It isn’t necessarily all “academic” things…but the other skills we work on are just as important!

\*Picture Day will be Friday, Sept. 27. Picture envelopes will be sent home with your child today.

\*Clear Creek Open House has been scheduled for Monday, October 7th from 6:00-7:00 for Tk through Grade 3. All are welcome!

\*Thank you for helping your child to return their Jolly Phonics Notebook each day that they bring it home…along with their folder. Things go so much smoother when everyone remembers this! This week we started “blending” the letter sounds together to read words. On the bottom of each sheet in the Jolly Phonics Notebook, there are words that your child can practice blending. If your child is struggling, just continue to model the process for them and have them repeat after you. Simply say each individual sound and then repeat the sounds faster to blend them together to say the word. It also helps to have the child point under each letter as they say the sound, and then slide their finger under the word as they blend the sounds together. Blending sounds and reading is a skill that takes lots of practice! Just two or three minutes a day of working with your child to say the individual sounds, and then blending them together to read the word will help! We practice a lot at school in a group, but the individual attention that you can give your child at home will make a big difference in their success! Thank you!

\*Next Friday, Sept. 20, is Homecoming. Please have your child wear their Lions gear or dress in black and yellow. The pep rally on this day is always exciting for us!

\*Today I am sending home a paper that tells about the stages that a child goes through as he/she learns to write. (It is also on the documents tab of our website at www.coolkindergartenkids.weebly.com) Please note that most kids at the beginning of Kindergarten are between stages 4 and 8, and our goal is to get to stage 12 by the end of Kindergarten. Let me know if you have any questions!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs. Streblow