Sept. 21, 2018

Dear Parents,

This week in Language Arts we worked hard on these letter sounds: /r/, /m/, /d/, /g/, and /o/. We also learned to read the sight words “I,” “the,” “see,” and “a” this week. These are words that do not follow the basic letter sounds that we are learning, so the kids know that they can’t “blend” them…they just need to learn to recognize them by sight. (That’s why we call them “sight words”!) We usually learn some type of hand signal or action to go with the word, too. Ask your child to show you these! It is fun to see the “lightbulbs” go on when kids start to understand how the words we are reading and the letter sounds come together to create language! We are also doing a bit of writing in our journals. It is crucial for your child to be learning the letter sounds in order to begin to put pencil to paper and write words. Thank you for supporting this at home!

In Math we are working on identifying, writing and counting objects up to 5. This seems fairly simple, but many children do not understand that the symbol “5” actually represents five of something. We are also working on the math vocabulary of same and different.

I am looking for a couple donations for next week. If you would be willing to donate a small jar of jelly or a pack of childrens’ character Band-Aids please comment below so that everyone else will see the comment and know that they are spoken for. I will need them by Wednesday of next week. Thank you so much!

Here is the important info you need to know for the upcoming two weeks:

\*Monday, Oct. 1, will be “**Wear Blue Day**” in honor of National Bullying Prevention Month.

\*Wednesday, Oct. 3, will be “**Wear your workout clothes Day**” to celebrate Fall Fitness Day. All students will be taking a long walk around the school grounds.

\*Friday, Oct. 5, Mrs. Phalen will be teaching the class so that I can be in my office to do the individual testing of each student that is required by the state. It is called the FAST test. I will fill you in on all the details at conferences… Just know that there will be a sub that day.

Looking ahead:

\*Open House will be held Monday October 8th, from 6:00-7:30PM. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

\*Picture Re-take day will be Oct. 23rd.

\*\*\*\*Remember that all of these dates can be found on the calendar on our class website, as well!\*\*\*\*

Have a great weekend! Mrs. Streblow