

Our Kindergarten Newsletter Teacher Date Mrs. Randall Sept. 24-28, 2007

Dear Families,

A B C D E F Gee what a lot of fun we had this week. Our names have been very important this week. We are looking for letters that are the same in each other's name, counting letters, comparing the length as well as looking for letters that we have learned. Our name is the most important word and that is why we start there.

I am in need of your help. The children are feeling quite comfortable with school and their friends. This is good as well as bad. Many of the children are getting silly, talking and "hitting" (to get attention). This is becoming a problem. I need the children to be focused during group and work times. You can help with this by reminding them to use good listening, eyes, ears, mouths and bodies. Facing the teacher, keeping in his/her spot and waiting until playtime to get silly. We need to establish good listening skills so when we need to get more serious about skills they are ready. Thank you for your help. It really does make a difference when we can work together.

Ask Me About

- New Letters and Sounds we learned this week—c k e h r
- Computers-This week we inserted the pictures we took last week into a special page and then dictated how we feel about school.
- Graphing how many letters are in our names.
- The big Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Trees we made.
- The Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Tree alphabet book we made. This will be a traveling book to go home with a new friend each night.
- The book <u>The 12 Days of Kindergarten</u>: these went home earlier this week; I'm hoping that you have had your child read and reread it to you.
- Morning Meeting Greetings
 - o Hello Neighbor
 - o Farmer greeting-milking the cow
 - O Fish handshake—flopping hand on neighbors arm (this is a gentle motion.)
- Morning Message:
 - o Did you have cereal for breakfast?
 - o Did you bring your library book?—we check out books on Wednesday each week.
 - o Do you have an h in your name?
 - o Do you like the season of Fall?
 - o Draw 2 shapes on the chart.

Centers:

How many letters are in your name?—book

- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom name tree
- Putting the alphabet in order
- Alphabet match paper
- Work Place tubs

Literacy baskets: We started this week. The same baskets are in place for two weeks (we only do them on Tuesday and Wednesday.)

- **A.** Play dough names
- **B.** Name puzzles
- **C.** Name/Picture match
- **D.** Magnetic letter names

Notes and Reminders:

- Home Connections: You should find a green Math Folder tucked inside the Friday Folders this week. Folder are due back to school on or before Wednesday.
- **Field Trip:** Next week Friday we will be going to Skelly's Farm Market. If you have not returned your permission slip and admission fee (\$5.00) please do on Monday. Almost every family wanted to go on this trip so I put names in a jar and pulled out 3. There are more trips yet that you could go along on. **Chaperones for this trip: Mrs. Bostwick, Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. Meyer.**

I have a web page that I am going to try posting my newsletter to each week. If you have Internet access from home or the library, please visit my page. These are the directions:

Go to the School's home page:

http://www.milton.k12.wi.us/schools/wes/ourschool.cfm

Click on Teacher Web Pages on the left side of the page.

Click on Randall, S

After reading the first page click on Newsletter at the top of the page and you will find my first newsletter. If all goes well, I will be updating it next week. Hopefully technology will be on my side for this new adventure. Please let me know what you think.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Smiles,

Mrs. Randall