

# Kindergarten Korner

## October Newsletter



### Foundations & Handwriting:

- When your child writes his/her name, he/she should start with a capital and use lowercase letters for the rest.
- Please refer to the names of the lines: sky line, plane line, grass line and worm line when you help your child practice proper letter formation.
- Review letter sounds for t, b, f, n, m

### Reading Workshop:

Please read with your child **every** night.

When reading with your child at home:


- Find the cover of the book, the title & author
- Discuss whether your book teaches information or tells a story
- Discuss how the pages go together
- Discuss pictures and talk about what is happening on each page
- Locate patterns and make predictions
- Ask your child to tell you what the book is about
- **We will be sending home book baggies within the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for them.**

### Writing Workshop:

When writing with your child at home discuss:

- How writers can draw pictures to tell a story
- How writers use shapes in their drawings
- How writers call to mind what they want to say, then put that onto the page
- How writers go back and check their work to see if they can add to their writing

Please help your child label his/her drawings at home with the sounds heard in the word.

Ex. Apl 



### ENL (English as a New Language):

The ENL teachers are currently testing students whose native languages are other than English. The New York State Education Department has implemented a new entrance assessment, known as the NYSITELL. The program will begin as soon as testing is completed. Services will be provided within the classroom setting along with the classroom teacher. Students just entering the country (no English) will also be provided with Stand Alone support (individualized instruction). A written notification will be mailed to you if your child has been determined to require ENL services.

### Reminders:

- Practice zippering & buttoning coats
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### Physical Education:

Your child will be improving upon his/her gross motor skills and physical wellness while engaged in a variety of age appropriate activities and games. Your child will also be learning the importance of exercising and maintaining a healthy body, as well as things like sportsmanship, respect and safety. We also integrate many academic and social concepts and skills throughout our curriculum. Our goal is to develop the foundational skills needed for their future as active and healthy members of our society. To ensure a safe learning environment, it is very important that your child come prepared with sneakers and to refrain from wearing any jewelry that might get lost, broken or caught during class

### Math:

Calendar connections are a strong part of this program. We are currently using the calendar to:

- Locate patterns
- Count and identify numbers
- Graph attendance and weather, and
- Discuss the days of the week and months of the year.

We are also studying shapes around us. You can help your child by looking at objects and discussing their shapes, counting household objects, and identifying patterns in clothing.

\*Please help your child to practice counting and writing numbers 1 – 5.



### Social Studies/Science:

Fall topics covered include:

- Citizenship – Rules, rewards, & consequences for behavior – focusing on sharing, taking turns, and listening quietly while others are speaking
- Life cycles of apples and pumpkins – exploring the insides and comparing the similarities and differences between the two
- Christopher Columbus and his voyage from Spain to the New World through stories, discussions, and the use of maps
- Fire Safety – October is Fire Prevention Month.

It is very important that you help your child learn his/her address and phone number.

### Music:

Mrs. Lora has an exciting month planned. She is going to teach the students how to play different instruments, sing new songs, and keep a steady beat. The children will also learn to sing the pitches So La and Mi. The students have a lot of musical fun to look forward to!

### Library:

Students will be coming home with library books this month. Please help your child take care of his/her library book. Children need help being responsible by treating their books with care and returning them to the library on time. A great way to keep library books safe is to put them in a ziplock bag in order to reduce damage to books while inside backpacks. Most importantly, please take the time to read to your kindergartener!!!

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