

Hello Parents!

Well we made it through September! Can you believe we are already into October? This month is sure to go by just as quickly with a long weekend coming up for Columbus Day and parent teacher conferences at the end of the month. This week we will be jumping into the "meat" of our curriculum as we have finished our review.

Here is a rundown of last week:

Reading: we finished our review of the alphabet. Your child will be coming home with a mini-book of all of the letters and the movements we do for them to help them remember what letter makes what sound. Hopefully knowing these movements will help them spell words in their writing. We also finished our review of the kindergarten sight words. These are considered "No Excuse" words. Many of our sight words do not follow "the rules," and it is important your child know them. Please let me know if you would like some suggestions for how you can help at home. Another activity was making posters using the letters in our names, please look for these to come home later this week.

Math: We focused on the partners of numbers (two numbers you add together to get a total). To do this we played different games such as "Melon Monster," and "Number Grabber." We also looked at making five groups to help us count faster and keep our work organized. In addition to this, we practiced making our numbers correctly. Like letters, numbers always start at the top and come down. Please help your child if you notice them making their numbers incorrectly. This week we will be looking at odd and even numbers and will be completing the GMADE assessment. Math homework will not go home on the nights we do the assessment.

Reminders:

1. This coming weekend is a long weekend. We do not have school on Monday in recognition of Columbus Day.
2. Please be sure your child has sneakers on Wednesday and Friday. These are our Gym days. It is helpful, but not required, if your child wears these as their shoes for the day.
3. Library is on Wednesday, please be sure your child has their books.

It has been wonderful getting to know the class and to get into our routine. I hope they are enjoying first grade as much as I am!

Have a great week!