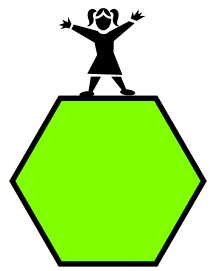


Classroom News

Mrs. Kempster's Kindergarten

Week of September 19, 2016



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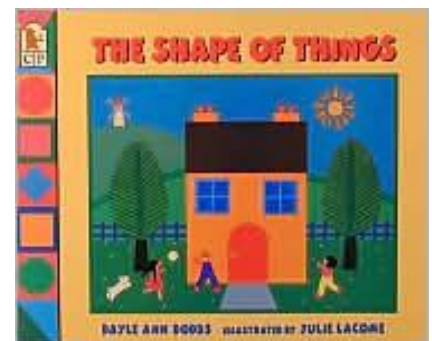
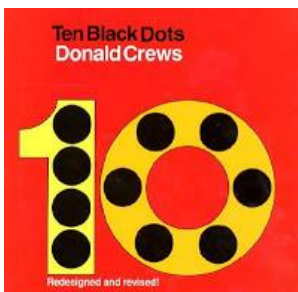
Monday - This week we invited various members of the Park Road staff to come in to read to the kindergarteners. This is part of our social studies "community helpers" unit. Mrs. Craig, one of our office professionals, came in to read a Franklin book to the class. Then the class worked in three rotating centers. They painted a crayon resist self portrait, worked in their weekend journals drawing a picture of something they did over the weekend, and worked on puzzles together. We had our second computer lab of the year today.

Tuesday - Our class celebrated the 10th day of school by welcoming Zero the Hero. Zero the Hero brought the kindergarteners pencils. As another part of our 10th day of school celebration, we read the book Ten Black Dots by Crews. The book showed numerous ideas created by using from 1-10 black dots. Then the children created a page for a class "Ten Dots" book with pictures using up to 10 dots. The children will be taking turns bringing the book home to share with their families. Dr. Balsamo, our principal, and Mrs. Healy, our school counselor, were our guest readers today.

Wednesday - This morning, we were visited by Mrs. James, another one of our office professionals, who was here to share the third Franklin book of the week. The class worked in three rotating centers again, this time playing letter bingo, learning how to use geoboards, and completing and coloring a dot to dot. We read The Shape Of Things and talked about identifying different shapes, including a square, circle, rectangle, triangle, hexagon, and oval.

Thursday - Today the class worked on creating a picture using one foam shape, and adding details around it to make an entire scene. They also played color and shape bingo, and completed a coloring sheet. Our guest reader today was Ms. Joly, the speech teacher for Park Road. We were also visited by Mrs. Healy, our counselor, once again, to read Peanut Butter and Cupcake and discuss some ways to make and be a good friend.

Friday - Today the students worked in centers again. Today they completed a listening activity reviewing colors and shapes. They also worked on floor puzzles together, and made "dot names" by tracing their names with paint on a Q-tip. We heard a story from Mrs. Day, one of the reading teachers here at Park Road. We also read My Five Senses by Alikei and began talking about the five senses. We will be doing more with the five senses in the coming weeks.



Notes:

- Friday, October 7th - No School - Superintendent's Conference Day.
- Monday, October 10th - No School - Columbus Day
- Park Road School Picture Day is Friday, October 21st.
- Please continue to check and empty out the "take home" folder.
- Thank you for your continued support of sending in safe snacks that are peanut free!

Ways to Help at Home:

- Continue to work with your child on writing his or her name.
- We have been talking about shapes at school. Review shapes with your child at home by talking about shapes and their features. Search for shapes anywhere, or play I Spy at home, in the car, etc.