



## Classroom News

Mrs. Kempster's Kindergarten  
Week of September 5<sup>th</sup>



### News:

It has been an exciting start to our school year! I have really enjoyed getting to know all of your children. What a wonderful group of kindergarteners! The children are already becoming accustomed to the classroom and school routines. Some have even shared that they have made a new friend!

I will be sending home a newsletter most weeks to tell you some of the activities we have been doing. Please ask your children about their day and what they have been learning throughout the year. I will also highlight some of our upcoming events and activities in these newsletters.

Wednesday - It was exciting to get to know each other on the first day of kindergarten. This day is traditionally about becoming familiar with the classroom and our routines. More importantly, it is about getting to know each other. The children worked on puzzles together and learned how to unpack their backpacks, take care of folders and notes, and answer the question of the day. We talked a little about classroom rules and learned about the calendar. We reviewed procedures for using the bathroom and washing their hands. The children colored a first day of school picture and got to know the other children at their table. We will be displaying their pictures in the classroom next week. The class had their first special class of the year – PE! It was a wonderful first day!

Thursday - We continued to learn new daily activities and routines. We reviewed the story The Kissing Hand (from Kindergarten Orientation) and they made a picture of their own hand to go along with the story. The children wrote how they were feeling after their first days of school. The kindergarteners spent time exploring some of our math manipulatives including 3D shapes and pattern blocks. They also colored a candle for our birthday chart that will be displayed on our birthday chart in the classroom. We had our second gym class with our PE teacher, Mr. Caparco.

Friday - Today we read the book I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson. We learned what a self-portrait is and the shapes we can use to draw one. Your child's self-portrait will be on display in the classroom as we get to know each other. The classes colored candles for our birthday chart. We continued to practice our routines and learn about daily activities including: calendar, weather graphing, counting the days of school, determining yesterday, today and tomorrow, answering a question of the day. We also went on a tour of the school and had our first trip to the computer lab.



## Notes:

- I am working on a classroom webpage where I will be posting newsletters, calendars, and other important reminders. You can find it by going to the park road website, clicking "Teacher Web Pages," and searching for "Kempster." The website is still a work in progress, but you will be able to find this newsletter online, along with the September calendar.
- Park Road Family Picnic - Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (5-7 pm).
- Please remember to have your child wear/bring sneakers on gym days (Days 1 and 2). To find out what number day it is, you can reference the kindergarten calendar (sent home this week) or the district calendar. Children need sneakers to full participate in PE class.
- Thank you to all families to turned in paperwork this week!! I appreciate your timeliness with this, and has helped get the year running smoothly.
- Please make sure you are sending in your child's yellow folder with them EVERY DAY. This is their daily communication tool between home and school, and they will be bringing home notes and/or work daily.
- Please remember to check your child's yellow folder and empty it EVERY DAY.
- A few reminders regarding kindergarten snack:
  - Our kindergarten snack time is only 10 minutes. Please send only ONE snack for your child.
  - Please remember that the only drink allowed with snack is water. No juice boxes please! ☺
  - In order to keep the classroom safe for students with allergies, it would be great if parents could refrain from sending nuts, peanut butter, or snacks containing nuts with their kindergartener. Attached is a list of safe snack ideas. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe at snack time.

