

# OCTOBER NEWS

The month of October is filled with new and exciting routines for our kindergarten students. This week we are starting our letter and word of the week program. The letters we will cover this month are: m, s, r, and t. Each week your child will have a practice writing sheet come home. Please complete and return by the end of the week. The "popcorn words" (sight words) taught this month are: a, my, the, is. Throughout each week, we will do activities to reinforce these concepts.

Please continue to look for the Jolly Phonics homework and sound book. We will continue to introduce a new sound three to four times a week. We will spend some days reviewing the sounds; therefore, there will not be a new letter sound and homework sheet every day.

In math, we will be reading and writing numbers one through ten. We will practice counting forward and backward up to twenty. The concepts we will cover this month include: shapes, coins, number stories, and symmetry. The Math Home Links are a great way to reinforce skills at home. The links do not need to be returned when completed.

We will be continuing our author study this month of Eric Carle. We will be connecting his books to reading responses and writing activities. The students will begin making their own books this month. We are encouraging independent thinking and ideas with these books. We will provide lots of models and examples of how authors write books.

Finally, a few reminders:

- ✓ Please check your child's take home folder DAILY.
- ✓ Please check your child's homework WEEKLY.
- ✓ Practice spelling and writing your child's name.
- ✓ Review appropriate behavior and school rules.
- ✓ When sending in hot lunch money, please put money in an envelope labeled with your child's name and class.

## Dates to Remember

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| October 12 <sup>th</sup> | No School - Columbus Day |
| October 14 <sup>th</sup> | Early Dismissal at 12:00 |
| October 23 <sup>rd</sup> | End of Quarter           |

