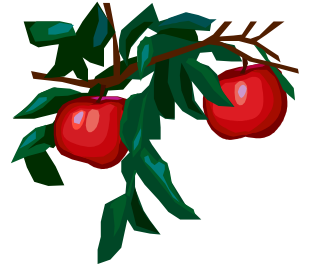


September News



Dear Parents,

Our students are off to a great start! We are working very hard at learning to listen, following directions and remembering the class rules. Almost everyone can find his/her seat, mailbox and hook without help.

Our activities during the month of September will include: learning our new friends' names, recognizing our own names, counting, measuring ourselves, sorting coins, and exploring pattern blocks. In Science, we will begin exploring our five senses. In Social Studies, we will continue to discuss decision making, problem solving, families and friends.

We will devote a great deal of time to learning to write our names. When you practice this at home, please encourage your child to print his/her name the proper way. Most of the letters are written with one continuous stroke beginning at the top of the letter. Therefore, your child should not lift the pencil from the paper unless the letter has a cross stroke or a dot. The first letter of each name begins with a capital letter. The other letters are written in lower case. We encourage our students to also use the first initial of their last name. Please also practice saying the letters in your child's name. Writing them and saying them are two very different but important skills.

We will also be spending some time learning how to hold scissors in our hands appropriately and cut with them. Please allow your child some time at home to practice this skill. Drawing different lines or shapes with a thick marker would be beneficial. In order to help build strength in the fingers, provide time for play with clay and/or play dough.

Kindergarten will be having an orientation in our LMC to learn how to check out books. Please share some reading time with your child and encourage him/her to visit the LMC regularly. Each time a student returns a book, s/he will be allowed to get another one providing we have time. Books

may be checked out for one week. Please make your child responsible for taking care of his/her book and returning it to school on time.

We have just started our Jolly Phonics program. Your child came home with a sound book and a letter explaining the program. Parent participation is an important factor in the success of the program for your child. We ask that the sound book be returned to school every day so that we can write the new letter sound inside.

Everyday we are learning to be a "kindergartner." This is a really big step when you are only five! The school is new, the teachers are new, the bus is new and there are so many rules to remember! Please be patient - we are having such a great beginning!

The Kindergarten Team

Reminders:

Each child should bring a folder to school every day. Please check this folder every day and take a few minutes to review any papers. If you send a note to us, please put it in the folder as we will check each folder at the beginning of the day.

If you have any change of plans in how your child will be going home, we **MUST** have a note telling us of these changes. Without a note, your child will be sent home as usual. Thank you for your cooperation!!

Dates To Remember:

September 1	Mustang Stampede Kick-Off
September 1	PTA General Meeting - 7:00 pm
September 7	No School - Labor Day
September 10	Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00
September 18	No School - Building Articulation Day
September 19	McCarty/Owen Re-Sale (at Owen)
September 25	Mustang Stampede
September 26	Market Day 9:30-10:00 am
September 30	Fall Picture Day

