

Memos from Mrs. Martin
September 10 - 14



What We're Learning!

"B" Letter Expert = Percy
Sight Words = come, for, go,
have, he

Language Arts

- Letter recognition and letter sounds
- Nouns name animals, things, as well as people and places
- Initial consonants
- Writing words to go with journal drawings
- Correct letter formation
- Correct pencil grip

Math

We will finish math chapter 1 this week with the test being Wednesday, Sept. 12.

In chapter 2 we will begin with

- Naming, recognizing and writing the numbers 6, 7, and 8
- I hope to begin our math journals/interactive notebooks this week.

If you have questions to concerns
please email me at
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Important Dates

- Sept. 15th – Blue Jay Bash
- Sept. 21st – Fall picture day
- Oct. 1- 5th
Homecoming Spirit week
- Oct. 11-12th – Fall Break – No School
- Oct. 25-26th – Parent Teacher Conferences.



Be sure to check out
our letter experts on
page 4. 😊

Things to work on at Home

TYING SHOES

- Keep working on tying shoes independently!

CORRECT PENCIL GRIP

- The correct pencil grip is important to correct letter formation. This includes the index finger on top of the pencil, the thumb on the side touching the index finger (I say the kids are giving the pencil a little hug.) and the middle finger lets the pencil rest on it.



LETTER RECOGNITION

- Point to a letter and have the child name the letter. Most children have mastered the capital letters but more emphasis may be needed on the lower case letters.

LETTER SOUNDS

- Point to a letter and have your child name the sounds that the letter makes. You could even ask for a word that begins with that sound. For ex. A sounds like short A sound. Apple. (Short vowel sounds are expected rather than long vowel sounds at this point in the year.)

COUNT TO 100 BY 1's and 10's and 5's

NAME THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

NAME THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR

SIGHT WORDS

****** JUST A NOTE ABOUT HOMEWORK –** Please have your child do homework each night after school with you, as parents, overseeing the homework. Part of doing homework is setting a routine. (Having a set place, set time, and parents help is of most importance.) Another part of doing homework is learning responsibility. Responsibility is easier with a routine of doing the homework as well as routine of returning the homework folder each Friday.



Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week

Know that speech sounds develop over time. It is important that children hear correct oral language and speech patterns, so no more baby talk. Here's a general timeline indicating the approximate age when your child should be saying certain sounds. Remember these are approximate and may vary between boys and girls.

Age 3: b, h, m, p ,w boys: n girls: d

Age 4: all of the above and f, g, k, t, boys: d girls: j, n, y, kw, tw

Age 5: all of the above and boys: j, y; girls: l

Age 6: all of the above and v, bl, fl, gl, kl, pl; girls ch, sh, th,(as in thumb) boys; l, kw, tw

Age 7: all of the above and th(as in that); boys ch, sh

Age 8: all of the above and r, br, dr, fr, gr, kr, pr, tr, zh (as in measure); boys; th (as in thumb)

One of the best ways to help your child is to be sure they hear you pronounce words correctly and use proper terms for things.



