

Memos from Mrs. Martin
October 1-5



What We're Learning!

"E" Letter Expert = Sybil

Sight words = up, was, we, with,
you

Language Arts

- The zoo cancelled last week but is rescheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd.
- Students will be writing a lot this week. We will be writing to express feelings and ideas. We will also be writing a factual sentence about Johnny Appleseed using a capital letter at the beginning, spaces and a period at the end of our sentences.

Math

- Test on chapter 2 will be on Monday, October 1.
- The next chapter in math concentrates around numbers greater than 10. Students should understand that 11 is made from a group of 10 with an one extra. This week we will be working on numbers up to 17.

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

- Oct. 1- 5th
Homecoming Spirit week
- Oct. 11-12th – Fall Break – No School
- Oct. 25-26th – Parent Teacher Conferences. Sign up sheets will be sent out via email soon.

Spirit Week

Mon – Oct. 1 comfy day
Wear comfy clothes or PJ's.

Tues – Oct. 2 Wild West Day

Wed – Oct. 3 – Class color day – those are the t-shirts you order from Storefront

Thurs. – Oct. 4 Fairy Tale Day

Fri – Oct. 5 Blue Day – no hair dye or face paint please.

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

Things to work on at Home

TYING SHOES

- We have THREE shoe tying experts....Congratulations to Waylan, Sybil and Eli for learning to tie their shoes independently. Several other students are close to becoming and expert! Your efforts are paying off! Way to go!

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 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 stay on the given week. The dates are at the top of the first page to help keep you organized so you don't run out of homework before the end of the month.



Cooler weather is on

the way. Please send jackets or sweaters with your children. We have many jackets that have been lost already. Be sure to mark each item with your child's name.



Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week

Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week Build Oral Language

Tell POPCORN stories.... Popcorn stories are little stories that you tell using whatever pops into your head. One way to start is to begin with, "Once upon a time there was a..." and then invite your child to take over. When the story begins to lag, you say something like, "But then....." and he/she continues to the story and you both take turns going back and forth. Here are some transitions to try when the story begins to stall:

- ❖ *And so.....*
- ❖ *Because....*
- ❖ *Suddenly....*
- ❖ *Next....*
- ❖ *Before they....*
- ❖ *Meanwhile...*
- ❖ *However....*
- ❖ *And to their surprise....*



