

Mrs. Hlad's Classroom News

Week of: Sept. 30-Oct. 4

Dear parents,

The students are to bring in one apple of their favorite kind this week. We will sort the apples on Thursday and then cook up some applesauce with them on Friday, and do a class yes/no graph. Do you like applesauce?

This Thursday, October 3rd, is "Bring your Bible to School Day". If your child would like to bring their Bible to school to show the class, they may do so. Since it is my favorite book, I will be bringing my childhood Bible, and my current Bible and showing them where our first classroom rule comes from: Treat others the way you like to be treated. Luke 6:31.

I am sending home details and the chaperone/lunch form for our upcoming field trips to Wayne's Country Market and Renaissance Theatre. Please fill out the form and send the form and \$6.00 in to me ASAP. Thank you! A reminder that ALL chaperones must have fingerprinting and an FBI check on file at our Board of Education office. Let me know if you need the form for that. Not sure if there is enough time for FBI check to be done for this field trip, but we will be taking three more field trips this year that you may want to chaperone for. Please try to chaperone, if you can. I really do need the extra help to make sure we are safe and having fun and learning. We couldn't go on field trips without chaperones!

I am launching the digital form of the Pizza Hut, Book It! Program this month. If your child read, or you read to them, 4 books a week, 16 books a month, I will email you a certificate for a free personal pizza for your child at Pizza Hut. I just read a News Journal article about a 7 year old in Lexington receiving a \$10,000 scholarship from Pizza Hut through this program! WOW! It really pays to love reading! It's important you WRITE DOWN books you've read on your child's nightly reading paper to get credit. Thanks!

I started small group reading instruction last week. This is where your child meets with me Monday through Friday for small group reading instruction on their ability level. Some students are bringing home a book to read to you. I put this book in their folder on the Return to School side. Please check folders NIGHTLY to see if your child has a book to read to you. If so, please listen to them read to you and refer to the "What to do when young readers get stuck" page of your Kindergarten Parent Handbook to reinforce good reading strategies at home. Don't be alarmed if your child is not bringing home a small group reading book yet. I will start them when they are ready. They have to be able to produce the sound of at least half of the alphabet letters and know half of their kindergarten sight words automatically. Please return the book the very next morning, even if you didn't have time to hear your child read it to you, because I may have another group reading that book the next day. Also, take very good care of these books, please. This practice makes a huge difference in their ability to be a successful reader! I appreciate your support and taking the time in making reading an important part of your nightly routine! (Also, I don't send books home on Fridays, or, when I am assessing

students one on one for interims or grade cards during small group time, or, when I am doing a phonological awareness lesson instead of a book. Just so you won't be wondering where the book is) :)

Here's what's happening this week:

Letters of the Week: Aa and Gg (make sure to go over naming the letters, producing their sounds correctly, things that start with that letter sound, and how to write the letter correctly each night)

- **Words of the Week:** Was, had, it (make sure to go over reading ALL 30 kindergarten sight words nightly.)
- **Theme:** Apples
- **Math:** Read the "Math News" parent letter and look over any math problem set papers that your child brings home. Go over again at home anything they might have missed or had trouble understanding.
- **Writing:** Learning what writing is and how to write a simple "I like" or "I love" story. (sentence)
- **Social Studies:** Lets Count Apples. Look for our Scholastic social studies weekly reader, Let's Find Out, in your child's folder, and read and go over with your child at home. Thank you!
- **Science:** Learning about "Seasons" and making a fall apple tree craft.
- **Fun Friday Activity:** Making applesauce, tasting it and doing a class graph: Do you like applesauce? Discuss the results of our class graph.

Important Dates

This week by Thursday: Bring in one apple.

Thursday, Oct. 3: Bring your Bible to School Day.

Monday, Oct. 7: Dowds Fall Festival, 5:00-7:00. Lots of fun! Hope you can come!

Tuesday, Oct. 8: PTO Fall Fundraiser Delivery: 3:00-5:00 pick up items @ Dowds. If you have a big order, and/or if your child rides a bus home, I suggest you come to pick up your kindergarten child and order that day so everything makes it home safely.

Friday, Oct. 11: Fall Picture Day: Look nice and smile pretty! :)

Thursday, Oct. 17: Kindergarten Field Trip to Wayne's Country Market! More details and chaperone/lunch sign-up form being sent home this Monday, Sept. 30th.

Friday, Oct. 18: NO SCHOOL: Teacher In-service Day. Please make arrangements! Thanks!

Tuesday, Oct. 22: SCRAP Recycling 12:30-2:30.

Monday, Oct. 28: Kindergarten to the Renaissance Theatre to watch Pete the Cat stage production. NO CHAPERONES allowed for this field trip due to lack of seating space at the theatre. We will be back at school in time for lunch.

Week of Oct. 28-Nov. 1: PTO Fall Book Fair and Parent/Teacher Conference Week. Conferences will be held Monday and Wednesday (Oct. 28 and 30) nights of this week. Return your preferred conference day and time paper to me ASAP.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Hlad :)

