

Kindergarten Monthly Newsletter **September 2023**



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Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We know you will be receiving a lot of information as we start this new school year. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact your child's teacher. We can be reached through phone or email. We look forward to an exciting year with your family.

Yours in education,

The Kindergarten Team

Upcoming Events

As a reminder, Kindergarten will not hold Back-To-School Night. All relevant information was shared during the Kindergarten Orientation and via email prior to school starting.

September 4th- Schools Closed (Labor Day)

September 22nd - 3.5 Hour Early Dismissal (Fair Day)

September 25th- Schools Closed (Yom Kippur)

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

READING: Students have been introduced to the reading program, Open Court, that we will use throughout the school year. This month we will focus on using descriptive vocabulary, identifying and generating rhyming words, letter names / letter shapes, and identifying parts of a book (author, illustrator, front cover, back cover, and table of contents).

During our reading comprehension lessons, students will be introduced to different types of text and learn strategies that good readers use when reading. Students will identify the role of the author and illustrator, ask and answer questions to show understanding of the text, focus on learning new vocabulary, and describe the difference between informational and narrative text.

WRITING: Students will be introduced to the writing process. Students will draw and write to craft a story. We will learn that nouns name places and things. We are going to work on our second class book.

MATH: Students will count and recognize numerals and quantities. Students will practice counting in number order, count to tell “how many” are in a set, match a numeral to a set, identify and create sets of numbers, write numbers to 10 and develop problem solving strategies.

MATH VOCABULARY:

Count	Double-check	Match
Sort	Five Frame	Ten Frame
Zero	Persevere	Accurate

SOCIAL STUDIES This Social Studies unit is called “Working Together”. We will be exploring and answering this question, “How can we work together to be safe, make friends and learn?” In this unit, we will learn about classroom and school rules and why they are important. We will learn about our rights and freedoms and the responsibilities that come with those rights. We will also learn about what is fair and how fair is not always the same as equal. We will discuss how to solve conflicts by working together and compromising. As we learn together we will read lots of books, write, draw pictures and have a lot of discussions!

PATHS: We will use the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) program to support the social emotional learning of students. Social emotional learning (SEL) is an important part of each student’s healthy development. PATHS will teach SEL skills to help students succeed in school and life. SEL skills include handling emotions constructively, behaving responsibly, making good decisions, and developing caring, positive relationships. SEL contributes to a positive school climate, improvements in academic achievement, and reductions in bullying behavior. The students have enjoyed meeting the puppet characters that we will use throughout the year during our lessons. We will choose a PATHs Kid of the Day. This student will have the honor of being complimented by their teacher, classmates, self, and family! This is a special event, so be sure to be on the lookout for your child’s compliment sheet and send it back with a compliment for your child.