

# News from Kindergarten

October 6, 2017

Dear Families,

The learners are doing a great job with writing the sounds they hear in words. We are adding labels to our pictures and trying to hear the beginning sound (and any other sounds) and write them. Young writers often are able to tell only the beginning sound when they first start writing. The next sound they are usually able to isolate is the last sound. It is challenging for young writers to hear and record the middle sounds. If your child asks you to spell a word, turn the question back to them. Ask them what sounds they hear as you say the word slowly and draw out the sounds. Do not worry if the word is spelled incorrectly as long as the child produces the sounds in the order which they are heard. Each day we are playing oral word games to help the children learn the beginning and ending sounds. We have also been working on identifying syllables, rhyming patterns, nonsense words, and counting words they hear in sentences. All these activities will help your child to grow as a reader and writer.

If you would like to volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. **Complete the background check** which means you must be fingerprinted by the SAU. Call the SAU Office to schedule a time to complete this task. Your fingerprints will be sent to Concord so that a background and criminal records check may be conducted. This is a new policy our school board has adopted to be in alignment with state laws to protect our learners.
2. **Attend the volunteer orientation and information session.**
3. **Sign the confidentiality agreement.**
4. **Let me know** how you would like to volunteer by returning the volunteer request sheet by Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Once your fingerprints have been processed by Concord, and beginning on NOVEMBER 1, you will be issued a volunteer badge that has your picture on it. You must wear your ID badge whenever you are volunteering (in school or on a field trip). Thank you for all that you do to help our children learn and grow in a safe school community.

We will not have school on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Columbus Day. Enjoy your long weekend with your family.

*Mrs. Godbout, Kindergarten Teacher*

## Upcoming events.....

- October 9** Columbus Day~ No school
- October 10** PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM in the GES Library. All are welcome.
- October 12** Volunteer Fingerprint Clinic 8:00-10:00 AM. Call the SAU office to make an appointment.
- October 18** Early Release~ All learners will be dismissed at 1:00 PM and there will be no afternoon programs or activities for learners.
- October 20** Showcase at 1:45 PM in the gym. Our class will not be in this performance.
- October 31** Halloween parade and class party

### Literacy

This week we focused on two letters: Ii and Rr. We learned about adding labels to our pictures and stretching out the word to hear all the sounds in that word when we write. In reading groups we used our "Eagle Eyes" to check the illustrations for picture clues to support our understanding of what the author wrote.



### Math

We used the number 5 as a jumping off place to learn about 6 and 7 this week. The learners are getting very skilled at counting the "Math Way". They use their fingers as a number line and starting with their pinkie finger on their left hand, put up one finger for each number. They can count forward and backwards to seven fluently. We learned a new strategy called "Counting on". We start at 5 and count on the extra numbers to reach 6 or 7.

### Hot Lunch Choices for This Week

- Monday** No school~ Columbus Day
- Tuesday** Chicken nuggets or ham sandwich
- Wednesday** Tacos or chef's salad
- Thursday** Macaroni & cheese or turkey sandwich
- Friday** Gill's Homemade pizza or chef's salad



Breakfast is \$1.50.  
Individual milk is 40¢.  
Lunch is \$2.25 and includes milk.

**G-R-E-E-N**

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**I know how to spell green.**

**G-R-E-E-N**

**Caterpillars are green**

**Grasshoppers are too**

**I know how to spell green.**

**G-R-E-E-N**

**Sung to the tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"**

### Here are the number poems we practiced this week:

Make a "C" then in you go.  
Now you've made a six you know.  
Across the sky and down from heaven,  
That's the way to make a seven