

# Kindergarten Newsletter

## Mrs. Williams

### Reading:

This week we will continue to meet our "alphafriends". We are talking about B, C, F, N and D. The district will begin their fall Kindergarten assessments soon. After we collect the data, we will begin our small reading groups. Students will be ability grouped during this time. Throughout the year there may be some movement between groups...this is normal and nothing to be alarmed by if your child mentions it. We talked about our 5 senses this week (as many of you have probably seen during drop off) and we made a book about our favorite things. We have also begun talking about important parts of a story such as beginning, middle and end. We read some books and wrote about our favorite parts and then came together as a group and decided where each of our favorite parts fit on our beg., middle, end chart. We will also be making a story map this week and will continue to work in our journals. We are starting to write and talk about listening to the sounds we hear in words. As is normal, some kids are excited by this and others are very concerned...I tell the kids if you can just get the first sound you hear, great, write it down...if you can get the first and the last sound, great! 😊 Please encourage at home! There is no right or wrong way right now for them to be writing...we are just working on trying to sound out. In our journals/writing I will often start them off with "I liked" or "I think" and then encourage them to finish the sentence. You will be amazed at the progress throughout the year!! 😊

### Math:

In Math we have finished up talking about colors and the color words, we've been doing some graphing and we have been talking about our pattern blocks. We are learning the names of each shape and talking about their attributes. We will also begin making things using the different shapes.

## Miscellaneous:

We have been working hard on listening and following directions. Some days are harder than others... ☺ We are working hard on "freezing" when I give directions. At times we continue to work or talk and then don't know what to do. This can be very hard and sometimes we get very sad, but we will keep working on it!

We also had a visit by Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Gowanowski about behavior at Kenny. Please sign and return the yellow form in your child's folder. We are trying to differentiate between something intended to be mean and something accidental. We also continue to work on what should be reported to an adult and what would be tattling.

Curriculum night is Thursday! See you tomorrow!

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