

October



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

10/14 – Early
Release at 12:30

10/24 – Early
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10/23 – Unity Day

10/25 – NO
SCHOOL

11/4 & 11/7 –
Parent Teacher
Conferences &
book fair at the PC

Birthdays



Jackson - 10/1

Caden - 10/1

Braxson - 10/13

Classroom News

This week we learned about fire safety and had a visit from the Mount Hope Fire Department. The children learned about having a safe meeting spot and saw all of the neat equipment inside of the fire truck. We had an extra recess bubble party to celebrate 100 more gold coins earned!

We continued to talk about what it means to be kind. Next Wednesday schools everywhere will celebrate Unity Day by wearing orange. This will take place on Wednesday to show we are united in kindness and against bullying.

Literacy Tip: Make practicing letters fun! Use scented markers, gel pens, glitter glue, shaving cream, or finger paint. Use the wording on the handwriting sheet - this is what your child hears at school!

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STEM

This week we had our first STEM lesson! STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Today the children used materials to build a robot. We read a book about robots and discussed growth mindset and what it means to keep trying. They had so much fun and their robots are coming home today. I sent a letter with a list of materials we can always put to use for these lessons as well. These things can be sent to school any time!

Computer Lab

We worked on letters and books on the Starfall website. This is a free site. You can access links to many free programs by going to the ELC page on the district website. Just choose students and you will see all of the sites we use. The children practiced using the mouse, clicking on icons, and navigating on the web page.

Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new sight words this week were said and for. I am sending home a copy of our 60 sight words. If you want to practice words ahead of time, please look at the next two cards on the flashcard sheet I sent home. It's more effective to master the words a few at a time than to try to work on all of them at once. This should be fun and not frustrating!

Math: We had fun playing counting games to work on counting by ones. We worked on matching coins and talked about the names of the coins. We continue to work on number formation and problem solving each day in our math journal. We will start a new number book next week to practice numbers 0-10.

Handwriting: We learned correct formation of the 'frog jump' capital letters F, E, D, P, B, and R this week. We will finish the frog jump letters with N and M next week. I am sending home a sheet for extra practice and with the wording used in the classroom to remind children how to make each letter. They are learning that there is only one correct way to write each letter.

Writer's Workshop: The children LOVE writing during writer's workshop time! They are bringing home a lot of stories today to show you. We will be spending time next week talking about how to fix up our stories and what to add before we think they are done. We are trying to use 5, 6 or more colors per page, labels for pictures or short sentences, and really thinking about the details to make each story the best it can be.

