

October



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

10/14 - Early
Release at 12:30

10/24 - Early
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10/25 - NO
SCHOOL

11/4 & 11/7 -
Parent Teacher
Conferences
(more information
coming soon)

Classroom News

The kindergartners had a great week! We earned another 100 red tokens and get to celebrate with a bubble party next week. I am so proud of the great choices the children are making! They've come a long way in 29 days. Thank you for all you do at home to help reinforce making good choices. It makes all the difference.

Birthdays



Jackson - 10/1

Caden - 10/1

Braxson - 10/13

Literacy Tip: Read every day with your child. Talk about the story afterward. Who were the characters? Did you like the story? Why or why not?

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Reminders

Conferences are coming up fast! Please email me if you haven't already with your preferred times. I do my best to accommodate everyone's preferences but fill the spots on a first come, first served basis. I will send an email next week confirming your time! I am looking forward for this chance to share your child's progress so far! Please have questions ready as we have only a short time together.

Coming Home Today

I am sending home a copy of our alphabet chart for you to use with your child when he/she is writing. This will be more useful as we work on writing and stretching out the sounds in words. I am also sending a book with the Alphafriends songs as well as sheets with the actions. This is a GREAT way to help your child master letter names and sounds! They've had so much fun with these and we will continue using them all year long.

Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new sight words this week were **it** and **in**. We finished learning the letters and sounds! Now we will start focusing more on each letter sound.

Math: We had fun making shape collages and identifying shapes. We learned a new game today and will bring home our own version to teach you next week! We spent time looking for patterns in our environment and writing number sentences.

Writer's Workshop: The children LOVE writing during writer's workshop time! They are starting to understand what it means to work independently and this allows me time to conference with individual students. I have modeled how to label a picture by stretching out the sounds in a word and writing a simple sentence. I am hoping to help all of the children stretch out and write the words they hear to label at least one thing in a picture. This might be just the first letter and that's ok! Children become good writers by writing and they are taking time every day to write.

Literacy: This week we talked about kindness and spent a lot of time reading books that show examples of this. Today we read A Sick Day for Amos McGee and discussed how the characters were kind to one another. I am talking a lot about thinking about how something would make us feel if someone did it to us. If we wouldn't like it, we shouldn't do it to someone else. The children were asked to share examples of how they're kind to their friends and family.

