



September



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

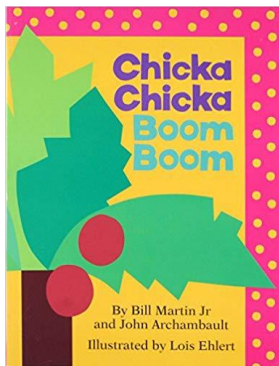
**9/26 - Ned's
Mindset Mission**

**10/1 - PBIS
Assembly - Wear
Red!**

**October 3 -
Pumpkin Patch
Field Trip**

**More info to
follow!**

**10/4 - Homecoming
8:45 Pep Rally
2:45 Parade**



Classroom News

Things are starting to fall into place and run smoothly as the children learn the routine. Today we had our first gold coin celebration: extra recess with a dance party! So much fun. The children are making lots of good choices in the classroom and around our school. We talked about kid size and adult size problems and have a solution kit to use for ideas on how to solve a problem without adult assistance. The children have been using the calm down spot for breaks if needed. This could be because a child is sad, frustrated, overwhelmed, etc. We are also working during mindfulness times on taking big breaths and letting them out slowly to try to calm ourselves. Play time allows lots of authentic opportunities for problem solving!

Literacy Tip: Help your child learn letters by finding them in books and in print around you. Focus on a few letters at a time and review them daily!

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Reminders

please check your child's folder nightly. If you have not sent back your child's plan for after the homecoming parade, please do so next week. Thank you!

Mindfulness and Yoga
We are using a number of books in the classroom: Breathe Like a Bear and Yoga Frog are two favorites. Breathe Like a Bear has lots of quick mindfulness exercises to get the children refocused and ready to learn! Cosmic Kids is free and has lots of videos as well if you'd like to use it at home!



Here's What We Learned

Phonics: We learned songs for the letters Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, and Jj. Each letter has an action and an Alpha Friend character. Ask your child to sing you a song! They're having so much fun with these. We learned our first kindergarten sight words: **to** and **the**. Each week I will introduce two new words. There will be different games and activities to help the children practice each word. We will also learn a song and actions for each of the new words. There are 60 kindergarten sight words and the goal is to help the children recognize as many as they can.

Math: We used our senses to count in different ways, sorted objects and people by attributes, counted backward from 10 to 0, and were introduced to the word volume. Each day in your child's math journal we write the date, tally the days of school for the month, and graph the weather. We then complete a calendar page with two activities. This will come home at the end of each month for you to talk about with your child and complete any extra activities if you choose.

Literacy: We read Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom, did a tree craft and made our names with cut out letters. We counted the letters in our names and made a class name chart with all of our names in ABC order. This is hanging in the room for the children to use when writing. We will continue working on our names next week.