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Kindergarten Newsletter

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Planting daffodils in the PS8 Garden

A quick glance at this month

Phonics/Word Study

This month we will continue with the Foundations program.

Children will:

- learn the concept of a word

- learn letter sound correspondence
- count the letters and syllables in names and words
- learn that names begin with an uppercase letter
- learn to identify letter names, corresponding sounds, and keywords (t, top, /t/)

Reading Focus

This month we will continue to look closely at familiar texts. Children will continue to grow a deeper understanding of emergent storybooks as well as developing a stronger sense of language in the text.

Children will:

- practice use of literary language and expression
- think more deeply about story elements such as characters and plot by rereading
- build on growing knowledge of early reading skills
- increase receptive language skills, vocabulary inventory, concept knowledge, and understanding of language structures in books, and a sense for how stories go
- continue to approximate accurate reading by storytelling along with the pictures
- continue to have conversations about familiar books with reading partners

Writing Focus

This month we will continue our Show and Tell writing unit. Children will bring special toys/souvenirs to school and share their objects with each other through drawing and labeling.

Children will:

- learn to use a pattern book format as their model
- look closely at their objects to draw all the details they see, then label them
- use their letter/sound knowledge to stretch out words for their beginning, middle, and ending sounds
- learn writing conventions such as putting spaces between their words, using punctuation, starting sentences with a capital letter, and writing using lower case letters
- use writing supports such as the alphabet chart, word walls and environmental print
- learn how to revise their writing by adding adjectives, such as color words and shape words

Math

This month we are continuing to focus on counting and writing numerals 1-10, geometry and measurement. Included is the link for the Unit 2 family newsletter:

<https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/sites/default/files/documents/family/PAR-BR0-U2.pdf>

Children will:

- be encouraged to use vocabulary words, such as sides and corners, to differentiate shapes from one another
- practice combinations of 5 and 10 with unifix cubes, popsicle sticks, and other manipulatives ($4+1=5$, $1+4=5$, $2+3=5$, $3+2=5$, etc.)
- continue to study shapes with polydrons, pattern blocks and geoboards
- compare 2 and 3 dimensional shapes
- learn to count by 5's and 10's to 100
- learn about measurement, estimation and comparing two numbers

Science

This month we will continue our first unit on the Needs of Plants and Animals.

Children will:

- observe, record, read, and discuss how animals are suited to their environments
- learn to look for patterns and categorize living things
- take a science walk to learn more about living things found in our neighborhood

Important Dates to Remember

November 5: Election Day, No Students

November 11: Veterans Day, No School

November 14: Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 28-29: Thanksgiving, No School

[Read more on our website](#)

Contact us... Please email your child's teacher if you have any questions.

