

Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a wonderful weekend with your children. Please be reminded that there is an Early Dismissal at 1:40pm on Thursday, October 22 due to Conferences.

Word Work: The new words for this week are: his, has, her, to, because. Please use the Word Wall menu to complete at least 3 activities this week. There will be a word wall quiz on Friday.

Reading:

We are officially in the swing of things during Reading Workshop. The children have started to read books that are at their "just right" level. They will keep these books that they have personally "shopped" for in their book bins. When it is time to partner read, they take their book bins with them and meet in a special place to read together. We have also begun Small Group Instruction. This is a time when we pull small groups of children who are reading on or around the same level or who have similar reading behaviors. We use this time to teach more individualized lessons on decoding skills and comprehension strategies. The children will be able to take home some of their "just right" books and their book from their Small Group Instruction group to celebrate for Reading Homework very soon!

Math

Last week all of our investigations focused on exploring the idea of doubles($1+1=2$, $2+2=4$). We are now seeing doubles in everyday life. When we go shopping at the grocery store, we can see doubles when we buy eggs, juice boxes or packs of water. Oh, what fun it is to explore doubles!

Science

This week we will begin a new unit in Science called Living Things. As a part of this unit, each student will be growing their own lima bean plant. Every couple of days we will observe our plants closely for changes. We will then

draw detailed pictures and take specific notes on the changes that we see. Throughout the unit the students will learn to use specific vocabulary to describe the parts of the plant (root, stem, leaves, flower, etc.).

Respectfully yours,
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