

**Miss Smith’s Kindergarten Korner**

 **September 2017**

This Month:

**Life Skills**: This month we are working on using a correct pencil grip, scissors and small amounts of glue. Ask your child to share the “Dab of Glue” song with you! We are also working on following directions and obeying classroom rules.

**Language Arts**: This month we started Fundations. Fundations is a drill and practice Phonics and Handwriting Program where students begin matching a letter to a keyword picture and its sound. A sample sheet is attached for you to practice at home. This month we are learning the following letters: t, b, f, n and m. Letter t starts the week of Sept. 10. After that, students will learn two letters a week (b and f, n and m). Be sure to practice these letters with your child at home. Students are expected to identify the letter, know the sound and write the letter correctly on the Fundations lines (sky line, plane line, grass line and worm line). In addition, we are also beginning sight words! We will be learning anywhere from one to three words a week. Here is the order for September: I, a, red, white. Your child should be able to read the word within 5 seconds and know how to spell it. Please review these sight words at home with your child. Be sure to also practice the sight word books that come home each week as students love to show off their reading skills! ☺

**Math**: This month we are working on Topic 14 and 15. Topic 14 consists of Identifying and Describing Shapes. The 2D shapes students will be learning include rectangle, square, circle, triangle and hexagon. The 3D shapes include sphere, cube, cone and cylinder. Students should be able to identify these shapes in the environment as well as in any orientation. Topic 15 is the Position and Location of Shapes. Students will be learning about the following position words: inside, outside, above, below, on, in front of, behind, and left and right. Students should be able to describe the position of shapes and various objects using these prepositions.

**Science/Social Studies**: This month we will be learning about Community, Germs, Apples and Autumn/Leaves. We will be doing a variety of experiments and crafts on these themes/topics.



**Upcoming Events:**

* Check out our color days!
* Sept. 18-22: Apple week (more information to come)
* Sept. 21: Energy Bus Night (more information to come)
* Sept. 27: Picture Day
* Sept. 29: No School

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**Language Arts**: Begin reviewing the Fundations letter card worksheet at home. Say the letter, keyword picture and sound for the letters we have learned this month (example: A, apple, /a/). Practice writing your sight words with markers, chalk or playdoh. Work on writing your first and **last** name from memory.

**Math**: Practice counting from 1-25 without any help. See what shapes (2D and 3D) you can spot at home or outside!

**Life Skills:** Begin practicing phone number and address. Let me know when your child is ready to be assessed on this. They will earn an extra 2 KEYs for being **driven** and **engaged** in their learning!

Life Skills:

Tip of the Month!