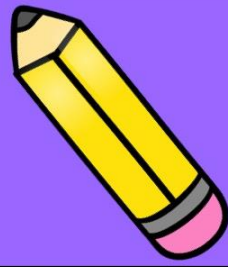


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White Oak Elementary: Ms. Ross' Class

Literacy Showcase

Literacy is a crucial component to learning in Kindergarten and will be presented in many ways that include students' "hands on" learning, small group work, and increasing independence. We will be introducing letters, letter sounds, handwriting, and building words this year through a program called Letter Land. Be on the lookout for updates of our work.

Upcoming Events

Sept 21: Picture Day, 9:50
Sept 30: Early Release Day,
1:15 Dismissal.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE CALENDAR INSIDE YOUR CHILD'S BLUE FOLDER FOR DAILY SPECIAL CLASSES AND OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS!

Communication

We have a school and class website that will be updated regularly with current school and class information. You can contact me via email: kross2@wcpss.net. Our school phone number is: 919-694-0202. I won't be able to make or take phone calls during instructional times but, I will return phone calls as soon as possible within a school day. Your child will bring home a Blue Daily Folder and a Friday Folder with work samples and paperwork. *It is important that you review all of the forms that we are sending home and return them in your child's Blue Daily Folder as soon as possible. Also, please be sure to connect on Class Dojo!
*You will receive a Newsletter, like this, one twice a month. It will also be available on our classroom website at your convenience!



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What We're Learning...



Routines & Procedures: We spent some time last week talking about rules and how to work together in our classroom. We will continue to review the rules that are expected and learn new ones. We have also reviewed proper use of school tools and supplies.

Reading & Writing: ABCs and Names
We are beginning our reading and writing activities with the thing that is most important to each child: their own name! We will use this to extend their knowledge about proper letter formation and distinguishing their name from their peers' names. We are discussing what we know about letters and how they are used in many places around our room.

Math: What is Math?
We have discussed what children know about "math". We created a Circle Map to show our understanding. We explored our math manipulatives, talked about what math looks like, sounds like, and why it is important to us.

Social Studies: All About School
This unit gives us a chance to learn about important people and places at our school. Our discussions will continue and include how each child contributes to the classroom and school community.

Very Important Points:

*We have provided your family with a Blue Daily Folder. This will be used for our mutual communication to and from school. We ask that you put all important daily correspondence in writing into this folder and send it to school with your child. Please check this folder daily for notes from school and our classroom. Also, make sure you keep us informed of any and all changes in your child's transportation by doing so in writing. Without a written notice of a change, we must keep your child on their regular mode of transportation.

Notes From the Teacher

*We ask students to unpack & pack up their own book bags and belongings each day. Let your child practice this at home to make them feel more confident at school.

*We will send home your child's rest towel (approximately) every 10 days-on a Friday-to get cleaned. Please return it promptly on the following Monday and mark your child's name on the towel.



Snack Time

Please keep in mind, our schedule permits a short snack time in the afternoon which is only about 10 minutes long. Your child has time for only ONE snack and drink. While we are always available to provide assistance, we promote self-help skills & independence in all parts of our day. Give your child practice at home, opening containers and cleaning up after themselves.