

A scarecrow wearing a straw hat and overalls stands in a field of pumpkins. A crow is perched on a fence nearby.

Kindergarten Classroom NEWS

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Dear Parents,

It has been an awesome week in Kindergarten! The kids have been working very hard, and are showing so much progress in just a few short weeks! Handwriting skills are blossoming, students are starting to problem-solve on their own, and are becoming much more independent in class! This week we learned about the Good Samaritan and the kids reenacted the story in class. We have some amazing actors and actresses in Kindergarten!

Math News

We are learning how to fill and count with ten frames, practicing number formation, learning about greater than/less than, and what it means for numbers to be equal. Students have been doing an awesome job of writing numbers! We have practiced addition facts with +0 and +1, and are beginning to learn about bar graphs, as well. We made a graph of our favorite seasons, and 7 of us picked fall, while 2 students said they loved winter.

Reading News

We are gaining a lot of confidence in our reading skills! We are learning/reviewing sounds, how to put sounds together to make a word, and practicing sight words. Please ask your child to read any of the reading sheets/booklets that come home in their Friday envelope. Any extra practice at home is always appreciated!

We took both a reading MAPS test and a math MAPS test on our computers this week. If you have older students in grades 2-8 you are probably already familiar with these tests. The tests are basically a tool to help monitor your child's progress in these areas and are NOT a complete evaluation of your child's knowledge. In other words, do



not worry if your child's scores are not "perfect." These tests are a small sample of your child's learning, and are extremely difficult tests! I will discuss testing scores at parent/teacher conferences in October.

Dress Code Notes

Parents, we are having a few issues at school with the dress code. Please note that tattoos and nail polish are not allowed and socks must be solid gray, black or white. Pants/shorts must be black or gray- no navy, please.

Work Charts

Students were each given a "Kindergarten Chart" this week to make goals and work on individual issues that we have discussed in the classroom. We have been working on walking and talking quietly in the classroom/hallway, raising our hands/not interrupting, helping others, and listening to directions. I was amazed at how hard the kids worked to reach their goals and receive "smile faces" on their charts! Students were each able to choose a small "lego" animal as a reward this week. I will not do this EVERY week, and do not intend for it to be a bribe, and do not believe that students should be awarded for following basic rules/directions. However, I want students to gain confidence in their abilities, be proud of themselves, and occasionally be awarded for outstanding behavior. Mrs. Saladin visited our classroom to discuss goals with each of the kids, and they were very excited to share how hard they were working. I tried to write a few notes on their charts for you to read. Please let me know if you have any questions.



A big thank you to all of our St. Charles families for your help with our fall fundraiser, and to our awesome PTO for all of their hard work and dedication to our school!

Please be sure to read this week's school newsletter to find more information on scheduling conferences and Tuesday's "Doughnuts with Dads" event! Thank you!

Prayers for a wonderful fall weekend!

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Easton is working hard to conquer the monkey bars!