



Welcome Fall!



Kindergarten Connection

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First Nine Weeks Coming to a Close

Can you believe that your child has been in kindergarten for almost nine weeks? Time flies when we're having fun! We have been learning many new things. We have studied routines and procedures, sight words, 2D and 3D shapes and learning about holidays that have taken place in September. Please make sure your child is practicing counting to 100 by 1's and 10's. This is a skill that we will continue to practice throughout the school year.

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 19th in Friday Folders. The report card will be on a piece of paper sent home in the report card envelope. Please remove the report card, sign the back of the envelope, and return it in the Friday Folder on Monday, October 22nd.

Kindergarten Fall Field Trip - October 16th

Wednesday, October 16th, Kindergarten will be going on a field trip to Washington Farms in Watkinsville, Ga. We will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin, work on a farm, have a picnic, tour the farm on a hay ride, visit the petting zoo, and each student will pick their very own pumpkin. The cost of the trip is **\$15.00**. Your child's permission slip (**located in their B.E.E. Book/Folder or Friday Folder**) and payment are due no later than **MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013**.

****If you would like to join us on the trip you may do so by paying \$15.00 to ride the bus or driving yourself and paying \$8.00 at the gate.****

Bus space is limited...so not all parents will be able to ride the bus.

Birthday Policy

Birthdays are such a great time of the year! We welcome you to have a birthday celebration here at school during your child's lunch period. However, due to the amount of time we have for lunch, we ask that you would limit all birthday celebrations to cupcakes. Please refrain from using decorations (table cloths, party hats, noise makers and goodie bags). Thank you, and we look forward to being a part of your child's special day this year!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to come out to meet with your child's teacher about his/her progress so far in kindergarten. Please contact your child's teacher if you need to reschedule a time.

Great Days of Service

Don't forget to send in canned goods and paper products for the Great Days of Service drive. We will be collecting items **Monday, September 30th through Friday, October 4th**.

Remember...

Please remember to check the BEE book/folder and initial nightly. Friday folders should be returned on Monday morning. Remember to write what money is for so that we can quickly get it turned in each morning. Thanks for your support!

Grade Level Website

Don't forget about the kindergarten website. You will find some very useful information here from a list of events for the current and upcoming month to downloadable sight word cards to helpful hints. There is also a tab for pictures to see what's going on here in kindergarten.

www.aleskindergarten.weebly.com

October's Instructional Focus

Language Arts:

- Listen to a variety of texts for enjoyment
- Identifying the letters of the alphabet out of sequence
- Matching all upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet
- Describing people, places, things, locations and actions
- Understanding that environmental print can entertain
- Narrative writing--- telling a story using pictures and dictation or print
- Exploring prewriting

Math:

- Creating and interpreting graphs
- Calendar skills
- Rote counting to 25 with goal of 100 and beyond
- Identifying coins and their value

Science:

- Types of weather
- Forces of motion (push/pull/gravity)
- Characteristics of living things
- Fall

Social Studies:

- Distinguishing between goods and services
- Understanding income and the fact that consumers make choices
- Understand stories about people who exhibit positive character traits
- Map Skills
- Columbus Day

Health:

- Fire Safety