

Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.

-William Butler Yeats

*** The Kindergarten News ***

for the week of 8 / 30 / 21

- **Theme** – The Five Senses
- **Introduce** – sight words: see, me, come, my & boat / Ee & Ff / review numbers 1 - 10
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – **expedite** – *to hasten, quicken or speed*
fatigue – *the condition or state of being tired*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Musical Instruments
- **Manners** – Try to share / Use words, NO hitting / Say “please” and “thank you”

Language Arts

This week we will concentrate on the letters Ee and Ff. As was done with the letter Aa, we will learn that Ee is a vowel which has both a short sound (as in egg) and a long sound too (as in eagle). We will also have a discussion about manners. We will come to understand that manners are kind and thoughtful ways to treat other people. When we use good manners, we are being polite. One of our favorite puppet friends, Bee Polite, might even make an appearance to witness our good manners in action! A new activity called the “The Surprise Box” will begin this week as well. Each day a mystery object will be hidden inside the Surprise Box in our classroom. The students will be given three clues about what the object might be. They will then have to try and guess what is inside! This is a great game to help us boost our critical thinking skills. The boys and girls will also begin writing in their journals. This exercise reinforces proper writing mechanics – capitalization at the start of a sentence, correct spacing of words and ending punctuation. It also encourages us to sound out the words that we want to write – and even though we might be spell the word incorrectly, the important thing is that we tried to do it on our own!

Math / Science

Our review of the numbers 1 through 10 continues, this time with an added focus on matching numerals to their written word counterpart. Our unit on the five senses progresses as well. Last week the children enjoyed learning about their sense of sight. This week we will learn about the senses of hearing and smell. A fun science experiment called “Sounds Around” will have us rely on our sense of hearing to try to recognize a variety of environmental sounds being played on a CD. Another game called “Follow Your Nose” will have us attempt to identify an assortment of familiar scents by using our sense of smell. We also do more work with our geometric solids. This week we will add the ovoid and the triangular prism to the previously introduced cube, cone, cylinder and sphere. In yet another exciting development, the estimation jar activity will join our calendar routine on Fridays. This is an interactive way for us to help build our number sense.

Important Dates

September 3 Art Day / Rainbow Names craft project
September 6 Labor Day / school closed

Kindergarten homework starts this week.

Please look for the weekly activity sheet in your child's green folder each Monday. The completed sheet should be returned to school on Friday. Thank you!