

MRS. PANEK'S KINDERGARTEN

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What did we do these past two weeks?

In Math... We have been learning about various characteristics mathematicians need in order to be successful. We found out that making mistakes is a good thing because mistakes help our brain grow. We practiced solving mistakes by working hard during various math activities such as; building towers with a certain amount of blocks and playing a counting game with a partner. Students now know that working hard and never giving up is the key to successful learning.

In Reading... We read a book titled, Anne to Zach, an alphabet book with children's names for every letter of the alphabet. We then made our own alphabet book using the names of students in our class. The book was bounded together and is now in our class library! The sight words 'the' and 'I' were introduced and we found these words in books and highlighted the words. Students also learned about three different ways to read a book. Ask your child to tell you one of the ways. We also learned about "EEKK" when reading with a partner. Ask your child what the letters stand for (**E**lbow to **E**lbow, **K**nee to **K**nee).

In Writing... Students continued to practice the skill of drawing detailed pictures and labeling them with at least a beginning sound. On Mondays, students draw one thing they did over the weekend. Moreover, students began writing their first book! Ask your child to tell you what their book will be about...

In Social Emotional Learning (SEL)... We continued to talk about the different zones of emotions and how we should react to different problems we encounter. We also read a book titled, The Dot and discussed the importance of perseverance (never giving up).

In Social Science... We learned about our new author of the month, Mo Willems. Students LOVE reading his books!

In Art... We created our own dot after reading the book The Dot. Students were able to choose the art medium they wanted to use for their dot. Ask your child to tell you which medium s/he used? Students also created pictures of things they CAN do and one thing they cannot do YET.

In Technology... Students played a game called KAHOOT using our tablets. The game focused on the skill 'same and different.' In addition, students continue to push out all of the things they have been doing in class through SEESAW. Please make sure to download the app so that you can see what your child is doing at school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goal Setting Conferences

Goal Setting Conferences are coming up Wednesday, October 4th and Thursday, October 5th. Please sign-up for the conference by clicking [here](#). Also, please let me know as soon as possible, if you would like a *translator* at the conference.



PTO Party Money

Please send in \$5.00 to cover the cost of two parties (Halloween and End of the Year Party) that will be planned by the PTO parents. Thank you to those who have already done so!



Halloween Party Volunteers Needed

PTO is looking for parent volunteers to help us plan our Halloween party. PLEASE [click here](#) to sign-up for one of the following:

- Help on the day of the party with activities
- Bring treats for the party

At Home...

- Sign in at home for IXL. Information was sent home with your child last week. Have your child try to practice it at least 5 minutes a day
- Practice counting 1-30 with your child
- Practice naming uppercase and lowercase letters and the sounds they make
- Read 10 minutes to your child every day!

Poetry Binders/ Book Bags...

Book bags will come home today, Friday, September 22nd. Please have your child read as many books as possible making sure they point under each word as they read. Books that are more challenging are meant for students to practice retelling stories by looking at the pictures.

Book bags come back to school on Monday.

Dates to Remember...

Every Wednesday is a 2:35 Dismissal

- Oct. 4th – Goal Setting Conferences (3:45pm-7:45pm)
- Oct. 5th – NO SCHOOL: Goal Setting Conferences (12:00pm-8:00pm)
- Oct. 6th – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 9th – NO SCHOOL : Columbus Day