

Mrs Tropf's Newsletter

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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

It has been another exciting week in kindergarten with lots of learning going on! On Monday and again on Tuesday we celebrated Columbus Day, so your child heard stories and saw a video about this famous explorer. On Wednesday morning Firefighter Glenn Newman, of the Toledo Fire Department, visited us to tell about his job as a fireman and teach the children about fire safety. He showed the class his fire uniform, his gear, and his equipment and told the children some exciting rescue stories. They were spellbound!!

Next week your child will meet a different community help: a doctor who works in family practice as well as sports medicine here in Toledo. He is also a TCS parent. Dr. Roth will visit us on Tuesday morning and tell what his job involves. He will explain how a doctor keeps people safe and healthy. This is hands-on learning in social studies!



An exciting adventure began this week in language arts: The Letter People have started to visit us from Letter People Land! This week the children met Mr. M (who has a Mnching Mouth) and tomorrow they will meet Miss T (who has Tall Tooth). A great follow-up activity for this introduction to sounds would be a scavenger hunt throughout your house. Let your child find objects that begin with the sound each Letter Person makes. For example, find money, marbles, and marshmallows for Mr. M; toothpaste, toothbrush, and tomatoes for Miss T. Let your child point out pictures that begin with these sounds in books or magazines. Simple activities like these are a valuable way to reinforce concepts taught in the classroom and provide a fun avenue of learning for your child. Two new Letter People will visit us

next week. SSSSHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Don't tell your child!! It's a surprise!!!

In math next week we continue working in Chapter 4. The children will further explore the concepts of 2 more, 2 fewer, ordering numbers through 10, ordering numbers on a number line, and using objects for problem solving. Continue to play with the ideas of more and fewer at home by giving your child simple objects to count and then asking him to show you one or two more or one or two fewer than that amount. Make it fun and keep it short, but the reinforcement at home will pay big dividends in the classroom when we do our math lessons.

Your child will continue to bring home the pre-decodable story booklets for language arts. Please let him read the stories to you, using the high frequency sight words such as a, the, and, go, etc. and check to see if he knows these sight words. Continue working on the sight word list for October and review the September word list on a regular basis. Consistent, regular drill and review will help your child retain the sight words from week to week.

Congratulations to two students receiving the October Principal Pal Award: Rachel Donkor is receiving the award for Obedience and Dawson Cross is receiving the award for Thoroughness. They will enjoy a pizza lunch with Mrs. Gioiella on Friday, October 19. Congratulations!!!!



Next week we begin my special Star of the Week feature. Sophia Knierim will be our very first kindergarten star! When your child is our Star of the Week, you may come to the classroom to witness a special interview and stay to eat lunch with your child if your schedule permits. The star may bring in some favorite items (including toys, pets, and siblings) for Show and Tell. The star also takes Cuddles, the kindergarten bear, home for the weekend. It's a great way for the children to get to

know each other and their families. Watch my newsletters for announcements about the upcoming Star of the Week. Every student will get a chance to “shine” this year in my class!!!!



Here are some closing reminders:

1. Parent-teacher conferences are October 25 and 26. Your child should not come with you to our conference time. This is a time for adults to share.
2. Our Thanksgiving Feast is Friday, November 16. Your child may dress up as a Pilgrim or Native American that day. (No uniforms, please!) There is a NOON DISMISSAL THAT DAY.
3. Keep saving those Box Tops and send them in to me at your convenience. Enlist the help of Grandma and Grandpa or other family members and friends, too.
4. Please keep at home any papers that come home in the BEE folder unless I make a note to return the paper to me. They are yours to keep and review at home once I have graded them.
5. No new Bible memory verse next week. We are reviewing all verses from this quarter.

**TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN
IN BIKE-A-THON MONEY TO COUNT
TOWARDS PRIZES AND THE DAY OFF
SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE TURN IN
THAT PLEDGE MONEY AND HELP OUR
SCHOOL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Tomorrow is our field trip to the Firefighters Museum. Remember to send a sack lunch and drink for your child and **DON'T FORGET TO SEND HIS BOOSTER SEAT WITH HIS NAME MARKED ON IT.** Drivers should meet outside my classroom at 11:45 for a brief meeting. Thanks!*

Enjoy a restful autumn weekend with your kindergartner and take time to appreciate the colorful splendor of fall. God bless you and your family!

In the Master's service,
Mrs. Tropf