



Kinderbear News

Parent Corner

Kid Writing: We are trying to help the children make the connection between the sound of each letter to the written symbol of each letter. You can help your child on his/her homework by asking this question—"Do you hear any letters in the word _____?" Allow your child to write what s/he thinks the letters are. If your child has no idea what letter makes the sound, s/he may write a magic line (a horizontal blank line) in place of the unknown letter or letters. If your child hears the letter but does not know how to write it, refer to an alphabet chart. Praise your child for his/her great "kid writing". Then write the word in adult writing under the kid writing. Point out any elements in the kid writing that match the adult writing. Please be careful about spelling, print clearly, and use capital letters only where they belong. If you write for your child you are sending the message "You can't do it, so let me do it for you." When you allow your child to do his or her own "kid writing" you are sending the message "You are a scholar and can do it by yourself." Remember to praise your child for his or her attempts and to ignore mistakes. Words from our word wall are expected to be spelled correctly. If you can read the word then you can copy the word. Remember practice makes permanent.

Red Ribbon Week Activities:

Monday 10/26: Be a hero, not a zero. Wear camouflage. H.O.T. (Honor Our Troops) kickoff

Tuesday 10/27: Be a lean, green non-smoking machine. Wear green.

Wednesday 10/28: Being drug-free is no sweat. Wear sweats

Thursday 10/29: Stay in the game, be drug free. Wear athletic gear.

Friday 10/30: Fun Day: It's a Small World/ Cultural Diversity

United Way Coin Drive: Starts today and ends on Friday

Coats For Kids: Donate your old coats

PTA Fundraiser: All orders with prepayment due Monday October 26.

What Our Kinderbears Are Learning!

Phonics: Letter name and sound of Pp. P says /p/ like paint. Review name and sound of Ll, Ff, Tt, Aa, Dd, Cc, Oo, Ee, Bb, Uu, Hh, Nn, Ss, Mm.

Math: Matching with one to one correspondence numbers 6-10. Vocabulary: more, fewer, equal, compare. Reviewing patterns.

Social Studies/Science: We are learning about the life cycle and parts of plants.

Spelling/Handwriting: Letters Pp. Spelling test on Friday for sounds of letters l, f, t, a, d, c, o, e, b, u, h, n, s, m, p. New flash card list sent home on Monday with homework.

Reading: Patterned books and decodable books. Vocabulary: author, illustrator, characters, setting, realistic, make-believe, fact, fiction, non-fiction.

Red Ribbon Week: October 26-30

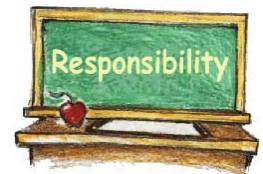
United Way Coin Drive: Bring pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and put in the jug designated for your grade level.

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"I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."
-- John D. Rockefeller Jr.



"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders." ~Abigail Van Buren



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself Any direction you choose."

~from Oh, the Places You'll Go!
by Dr. Seuss
