

This Week in Kindergarten

September 25th - September 29th

Upcoming Dates/Reminders

- ★ Monday, October 9th, Fall Break, NO school
- ★ Tuesday, October 10th, PTO Meeting 6:00
- ★ Tuesday, October 10th, Remote Learning Day
- ★ Thursday, October 12th, Fall Picture Day
- ★ Friday, October 20th, PTO Glow in the Dark Dance
- ★ Friday, October 20th, End of 9 Weeks 1

Shout Outs

This week I would like to shout out- Markel! Markel always does his best to stay focused and get his work done. He puts his best effort at everything he does! He is also always willing to help a friend. Great job Markel!

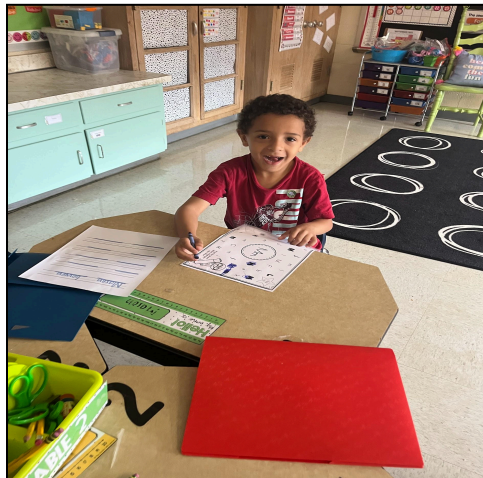
Social-Emotional Learning and School Skills

Our song of the week was *I'm a Little Scarecrow*.
Our center for the week was puzzles. Everyone was so proud if they completed a puzzle! Our fine motor craft was a toilet paper roll bat. They turned out so adorable!



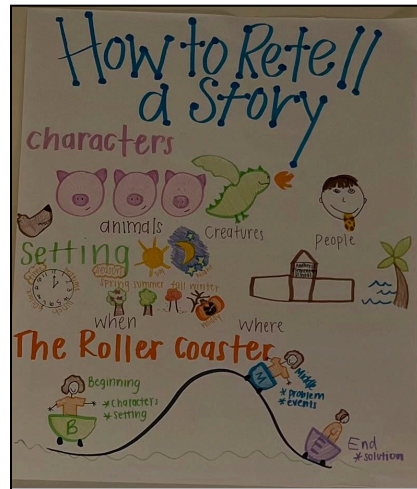
Writing

In writing we will continue to practice writing our name. Once they have mastered their first name they will write their last name. We were introduced to the letter M and letter D this week. That means we learned how to write our uppercase and lowercase M and D. We used our wet- dry- try method to practice uppercase and lowercase M and D. Uppercase letters all start at the topline but most lowercase letters start at the midline with some exceptions. Lowercase d is a tall letter and m is a small letter. We did a worksheet where we practiced writing our M, m, D, d using the lines and a pencil.



Literacy

This week we learned 2 more letter sounds /m/ and /d/. We say m milk /m/ and d dog /d/ to help us remember these sounds and letters. We found them on our sound wall first. M is a consonant and it is voiced. It is also a nasal (the air comes out of your nose) and your lips are together. D is a consonant and is voiced. It is a stop sound where our tongue is up behind our teeth. Students practiced by coloring words that begin with the sound /m/ and /d/ and sorting words that begin with /m/ and /d/. We listened to a song that has many words that begin with the sound /m/ and /d/. Students picked a word and we made a list of all the words we could come up with that begin with each of those sounds.



We read *The Three Little Pigs* this Week. We also read *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!* Then compared them. We reviewed that characters can be people, animals, or creatures. We also learned the setting of a story is when and where the story takes place. We were also introduced to how to retell a story. It is like a roller coaster with a beginning, middle, and end. In the beginning we are introduced to the setting and characters. In the middle we have events and the problem and in the end we have the solution. We use all of these parts to retell a story. We also talked about some new vocab words: blaze, fortune, bundle, and huffed. We also read *My Mouth is a Volcano* by Julia Cook. We talked about when it is okay to interrupt like when there is danger or someone is hurt. We also talked about what we can do when you feel like you want to interrupt, like saving it for later, waiting your turn, or breathing.

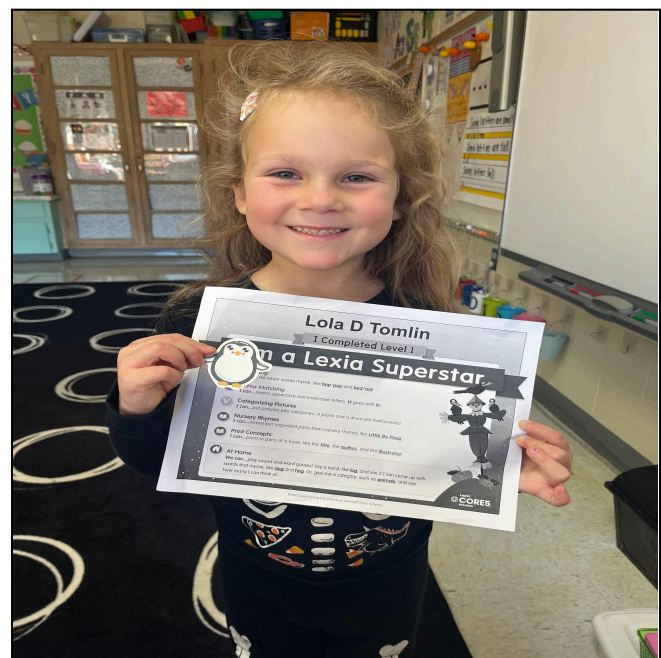
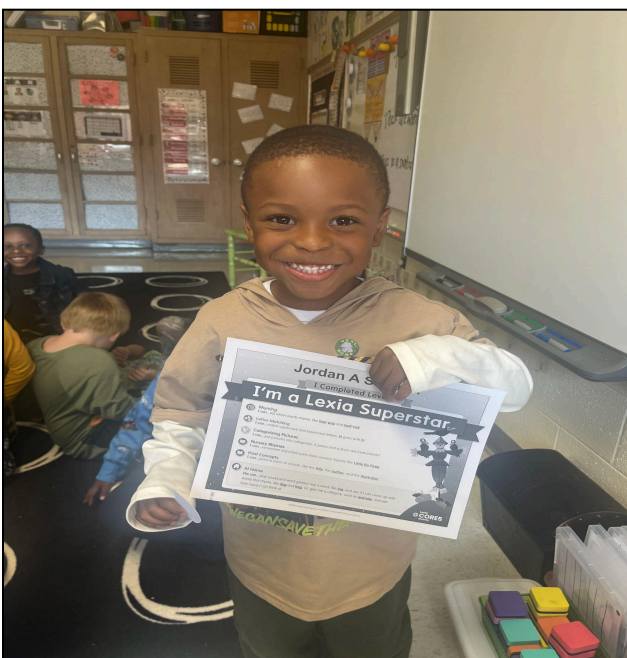
Mathematics

We continued to count to 30 this week! We really practiced using a number line. We really need to understand that there is an order that we count in. We practiced writing which number comes before and after a certain numeral. We would spin a spinner, write that number then write the number that comes before and after. We also talked about one more and one less. We used a number line and used it to jump back for one less and forward for one more. We also practiced counting back from 10. A big focus right now is being able to recognize what each number is and saying its name.



Content

This week we had science. We learned all about water. Water is important because plants, animals, and people need it to survive. Water is a liquid that can be found many places including rivers, streams, lakes, the ocean, and even in underground wells. Water also has many uses such as cleaning, cooking, drinking, and keeping people safe. We also talked about how water is a liquid and when it freezes it turns into ice. When ice gets warm it melts. We also talked about how water goes down hill but not uphill.



Have a great weekend!

Reaghan :)



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communication with the teacher

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2. Class Dojo
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There will be a monthly newsletter sent out on the app **Class Dojo** and put in their folder with an overview of dates and things to remember. There will also be a weekly newsletter sent out just on Class Dojo that gives a more in-depth update of what your student is learning throughout the week as well as fun shout outs and pictures. If you need help you can always email me or contact me through Class Dojo.

Schedule

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| 1. Arrival/ Morning work 8:45-9:00 | 7. Science/Social Studies 2:10-2:40 |
| 2. Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15 | 8. Recess 2:40-3:10 |
| 3. Reading 9:15-11:45 | 9. Writing 3:10-3:40 |
| 4. Lunch 11:45-12:15 | 10. Closing circle 3:40-3:45 |
| 5. Math 12:15-1:25 | 11. Dismissal 3:45-4:00 |
| 6. Resource 1:25-2:10 | |

Resource Schedule *we will start with art, later in the year we have music

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	PE	Library	Art/ Music	PE	Library
Week B	PE	Library	Art/ Music	Art/ Music	PE
Week C	PE	Library	Art/ Music	Comp- uter	Art/ Music

Week A	Week B	Week C
8/14/23	8/21	8/28
9/4	9/11	9/18
9/25	10/2	10/9
10/16	10/23	10/30
11/6	11/13	11/20
11/27	12/4	12/11
1/1	1/8	1/15
1/22	1/29	2/5
2/12	2/19	2/26
3/4	3/11	3/18
3/25	4/8	4/15
4/22	4/29	5/6
5/13	5/20	5/27

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

We have snack everyday in the afternoon during writing. I ask that you only send water if possible to avoid any mess. We also only have a limited time, so I ask that it only be a small amount of food

LUCKY DUCK

Each day we will have someone be our lucky duck. For that day they will get to lead the line, share, deliver things, feed and water the hermit crabs, choose the seat they want, and anything else that might come up that day. The share is very important as it means that day that get to bring something in and tell the class about it. If they forget to bring something it is totally okay they can always choose something in our classroom to share. In the classroom we have ducks with a number on the bottom that represents each student. At the end of each month we will pull ducks to see who is the lucky duck each day next month. I will record who it is each day on a calendar and share that with you at the bottom of our newsletter. They will always get to be the lucky duck on their birthday. If their birthday is over any break it will be during the week before that break. Just keep an eye out for the calendar!

REMINDERS

Folders with important notes or work are sent home in backpacks every Monday. We greatly appreciate if you can sign it on the correct date so we know you checked it.

All work that your student misses while gone will be placed in your students take home folder. It is up to you with what you do with that however, it is always important to stay caught up. If more help is needed, you can always get in touch with Ms. Dawson.

If you know your student is going to be absent it is best to let me know beforehand so I can do my best to keep your student caught up.

If students are absent a note needs to be sent so we can excuse it.

Each night your student should read to you or with you for around 10-15 minutes. There will be no other homework with maybe a few exceptions. However, there are always opportunity to practice. Contact Ms. Dawson if you need some ideas. Some ideas could be counting, writing numerals or letters, or letters sounds.

CHROMEBOOKS

All Students will be provided with a Chromebook and charger. The Chromebook and charger will be kept at school unless instructed otherwise by Ms. Dawson. We will use them in class to complete work on Lexia, google classroom, canvas, IXL, or Epic.

Thank you for all you do to help your student and for sharing your child with me! I am so excited for the fun we have planned and to have your student in my class! Any questions please reach out!!

Lucky Duck Schedule

You are welcome to bring **one small item** from home to share with the class on your day! Highlighted days indicate that we will celebrate a birthday as well!

September 2023				
4 No school	5 Demi	6 Jordan	7 Markel	8 Mason
11 Mecca	12 Lola	13 Tegan	14 Noah	15 Kyleigh
18 Joseph	19 Mecca	20 Markel	21 Tegan	22 Noah
25 Demi	26 Jordan	27 Kyleigh	28 Lola	29 Joseph

** We will celebrate summer birthdays as "Almost Birthdays" the last week of school.