

This Week in Kindergarten

August 16th - 18th



Upcoming Dates/Reminders

- ★ It is week B so we have PE Monday and Wednesday, August 19th and 21st, if they do not wear sneakers on PE days then they will not be able to participate as it is a safety concern
- ★ School does not provide snack so if your student wants snack it must be packed for them
- ★ Tuesday, August 20th, Reign's Birthday
- ★ the lucky duck calendar for this month, and other important information

Shout Outs

We all had a great first week of school! I wanted to give everyone a shoutout for making it through the week and just making it to school with no tears.

Social-Emotional Learning and School Skills

Most of this week was dedicated to learning our class expectations and routines. Our song of the week was This is the Way we Go to School. First thing in the morning we have stem bins where students get to use their imagination and build. Then we have morning meeting where we got to share about ourselves and see what the schedule was for the day.

We have a fine motor skill craft on Fridays which will help our cutting and writing skills. Our craft of the week was Henry the Hermit Crab, because we have hermit crabs in our classroom. Friday we read and discussed why hermit crabs need a shell. We also learned how to take care of the hermit

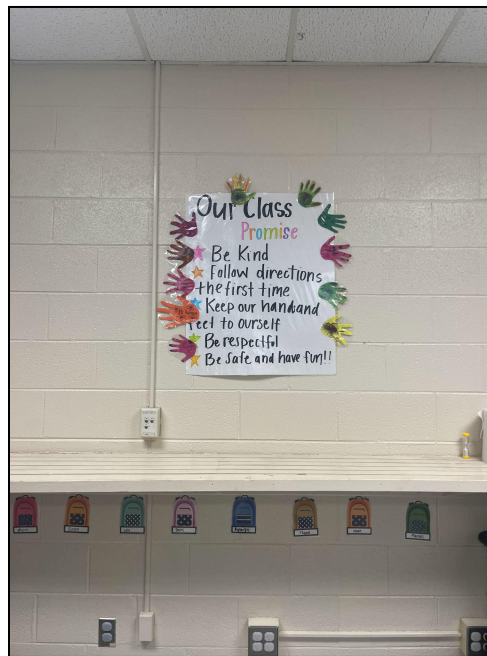


crabs and what else they need. Our Lucky Duck each day will be able to give them water, food, and a spray of water so they stay nice and damp.

We also practiced what we do when we have a fire drill. To do this we read a book called *Ms. Mingo and the Fire Drill* and talked about why we have drills. We then practiced walking silently to the top playground and facing away from the school. We will continue to talk about this daily until we have the actual fire drill.

Literacy

Next we have our reading block. Next week we will start learning about our sound wall. This week we read *Our class family* and made our classroom promise. We talked about each one of the items we have on our promise and what they will look like. Students traced, colored, and placed their hands on our promise sort of like a signature.



We also read *How Full is Your Bucket?* That taught us that when we are kind it fills other people's buckets with good feelings. We actually have buckets in our classroom! When students are kind or show positive behavior they get a pom pom in their bucket. Once their bucket is filled they get to pick from the treasure chest. When they fill their bucket they also get to fill my bucket. When my bucket is filled we get to have a

class party that we will vote on. We learned how to use scissors, crayons, and glue when we made buckets that said one way we might fill a bucket this week. In writing we worked on recognizing our name. They were given a paper with their name printed at the top and they had to find all the places they saw their name on the paper and color them. We will continue working on recognizing and writing our name next week!

Mathematics

The first day we read *First Day Jitters*. In the end it actually is not the students who are nervous it is the teacher! We talked about all the feelings that come with the first day. We took a survey on the feelings we had graphed it to see which feeling we felt the most and which feelings we felt the least. We also counted to five! We used pom poms to build caterpillars that were 5 pom poms long. When we made our hermit crab we made sure to count our 5 fingers and we put 5 dots on their shells.



I hope you have a lovely weekend! Cannot wait to see everyone on Monday!

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!

August 2023				
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17 -	18 -
21 Noah	22 Mecca	23 Tegan	24 Joseph	25 Kyleigh
28 Mason	29 Markel	30 Jordan	31 Demi	1 Lola

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

