

# Kindergarten NEWS

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Dear Parents,

Things are moving along well in kindergarten! As the days pass, we are settling into our routine more easily. We have been working hard and there is lots of learning going on!

The children brought a library book home on Tuesday for the first time. They may keep this book at home for a few days. I hope you have time to sit down and read the book with your child. I would like the library books returned by Monday of each week. Then I know we have all of them for our library time on Tuesday.

Next week, the children will take turns bringing home two class books. One is a book about some of the things we do in kindergarten and the other one is a rhyming book. Please try to sit with your child and read the book with him/her. Read aloud and point to the words as you read them. The book should be returned the next day. Please remind your child to take good care of the book so it stays in good shape for the other children to read.

We have also begun to put together an ABC binder. This will include the Letter People that we have worked on, pictures beginning with those letters and a poem we have shared for each letter. The children will bring this home next week also. Ask your child to say the letters and the sound and read the poems together. Again, it should be returned the next day.

Ideas for discussion with your child:

- Name the Letter Person for this week. (Mr. "T" He has tall teeth!)
- Identify the sound for "T" and name words that begin with "T."
- Practice identifying all of the uppercase letters.
- What is our morning message? (Mrs. Zeamer writes a short letter to the children on chart paper. We sound out the letters and read the message together.)
- How did we use the graph? (It showed the shapes that we counted.)
- Practice making the Sign of the Cross and saying our prayers.
- Name the days of the week. What month is it now?
- Practice writing the letters we have done so far, Cc, Hh, Ff, Tt.

Please remember, THE STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. The teachers will be attending an education conference that day. Thanks for your help! Have a great weekend!

*Mrs. Zeamer*

