

Mrs. Lackamp's Newsletter

5-17-2012

Kindergarten Picnic Information

The picnic will be Monday 5-21 from 8:30 to 11:45. The area behind the Preschool is shaded but we recommend applying sunscreen before leaving home. Parents, we encourage you to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on especially while at lunch. In the afternoon the students will get to enjoy a movie in our classroom. The students can bring a blanket and/or pillow to relax with.

I have attached the link to the Sign up Genius. There are a few items left and we would appreciate any help possible.

With summer vacation fast approaching, I wanted to suggest some inexpensive and /or easy to make games that might help keep the newly acquired reading, phonics and math skills sharp.

Reading and Phonics

Game 1) On index cards write the alphabet one letter per card with uppercase on one side and lowercase on the other. Also try writing the vowels in a different color than the consonants.

- A. Now use the letters for a beginning sound game. "Give me a word that begins with this letter."
- B. Ending sound game. "Give me a word that ends with this letter."
- C. Spell words with these letters. Remember the silent E rule!
- D. The before and after game. "Tell me the letter before and after this letter ___C___ ."
- E. Shuffle the cards and put them in order.

Game 2) Using sight word cards pick a word or two and use them in a sentence.

Game 3) Start with an "OK" sentence such as "I like dogs" and try to make it a "WOW" sentence by adding details. Lead to the details by asking a few "W" questions – who, what, where, when, why, and how. "I like brown dogs that have soft fur and big ears."

Game 4) Encourage phonetic spelling that goes hand in hand with slowly sounding out words.

Game 5) Play categories by writing the following on index cards; Animals, People, Places, Objects/Things, and Action Words. On the remaining cards write words that belong in the categories and for people include pronouns such as I, you, me, he, she, him, her, we, they, and us.

Game 6) When reading a story, ask comprehension questions that avoid a yes/no answer and don't forget the high level cause and effect questions.

Math

Create patterns from anything available and identify the shapes you use. Identify and count using pennies, nickels, and dimes. Play store or restaurant to encourage this counting. The touch points help when the coins are mixed just count by 5's.

Practice addition and subtraction using objects to count as well as the numbers touch points.

With a deck of cards minus the suits, reinforce number recognition as well as addition and subtraction (war) games.

Religion

Say the prayers we learned this year, The Our Father, The Hail Mary and The Glory Be.

Important Dates

5-21 to 5-24 Free Dress

5-22 Used Uniform Sale 8-11:00a.m.

5-26 Field Day Noon Dismissal- Please apply sunscreen at home

5-27 Last Day of School, Mass, 10 a.m. Dismissal

Miscellaneous Information

Please check out the lost and found items neatly arranged in the front hall.

Support the school by using Script this summer.

The Teacher's Monthly Luncheon was delicious, Thank You!

The Cafeteria will be closed tomorrow Friday 5-18 due to the 8th grade graduation brunch. Milk will not be available. We will be eating in our classroom.