



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

**September
28th, 2007
Mrs. Lee K5PM**

Dear families,

Thank you for coming to Back to School Night. We had excellent attendance. I hope we were able to familiarize you with the Kindergarten program. If you still have questions or concerns, please let me know. This newsletter will also be on the school's website www.jleitch.edu. I would also like to thank you for supporting our Library with the books you bought from my Wish List.

The children are doing a wonderful job with their homework. Please check for notes on the old homework and keep them at home. The mini-books "The Park" and "Lunch" will be sent home on Thursday. Please practice reading these books with your child, making sure they track the words with their special reading wand. Reading these books will help them learn their sight words. You should have already received the first list of sight words. Please practice these words also and when your child is ready to be tested, send the bottom portion to school. The homework and Leitch folders should be brought back on Fridays. Please empty all papers from the folders except for those papers that need to be corrected or returned.

Children come to school with different experiences and knowledge. During the first few weeks of school, we learn about what school is, the activities we do in school, people who help us at school, what our school has, the rules and routines of school, getting along with one another, making friends, following rules and understanding the

consequences of not following them, listening to and following directions. We talk about our feelings and the appropriate ways of expressing them.

In reading and language arts, we've been reviewing the letters of the alphabet and learned a new way to sing the alphabet song. We've been listening to and identifying different sounds we hear around us. We're also learning how to recognize rhymes and to classify and identify words that name people, animal, objects, and places. We have begun writing our autobiographies. In our journals we practice forming our letters, draw and write about our weekend news and other topics, and practice directed drawing and writing (teacher models and students copy). Soon your child will be bringing home their September journal. Ask your child to tell you about his/her journal and what he/she has been drawing and writing about.

In math, we've reviewed the six shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, diamond, and oval.) and have been doing a lot of sorting activities. We learn how to sort things by color, size, and shape. Some Math vocabulary words to reinforce at home are alike, not alike, sort, group, and belong. Every day we do Calendar Activities. We go over the months of the year, days of the week, yesterday, today, and tomorrow, numbers, number placement, patterns, and the weather.

H3 is our Character Education Program. We focus not only on your child's academic development, but his/her social and emotional development as well. H3 stands for Heart, head, and hands. We made a heart, head, hands person using a circle, heart, and our hand prints and discussed the trait that goes with each part. This month, our focus has been on Respect and Responsibility. We discuss ways we show respect towards

ourselves, others, objects, and through our choice of words. We also talked about being responsible. Please help me continue to teach responsibility by having your child be responsible for homework and Leitch folder. Instead of you taking them out and placing them in the backpack, have your child get used to the routine of taking care of his/her belongings.

In Social Studies and Science, we've been discussing school, helpers, rules, safety signs, citizenship, apples, and our five senses.

Looking Ahead

Pizza Hut is sponsoring a **Book-It Reading Program** from October through March. Soon, you will be receiving a paper for recording the books your child has read. You can list the books from our class, school, public, or home library. At the end of the month, I will collect the list and return them with a free mini-pizza coupon.

Wednesday, October 3rd is an Early Dismissal Day. P.M. Kindergarten hours are 8:30-11:50.

Fall Stampede

If you haven't turned in the sponsor sheet for the Fall Stampede, please remember to do so. **Each student must have a sponsor sheet turned in, with or without a donation.** The Fall Stampede is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th

Field trip

Our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch will be on Friday, October 19th. On this day, Kindergarten hours will be from 8:30-11:50.

Picture Day is on Tuesday, October 30th

Fall Festival is Wednesday, October 31st. Details to follow at a later date.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday Abby!

Student of the Week
Abby and Aimee