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## Kindergarten News



### Science/ Social Studies

We have started our unit on animals that live in the San Diego Zoo. I took a trip to the zoo this summer and purchased animal cards for all my students. We each have a different animal and are learning about each one of them. Each student will have a chance to learn interesting facts about the animals. My Kindergarten class is drawing pictures of their animals while the first graders write about theirs. Next week my Kindergarten's will write at least one sentence about their animal. At the end of this unit we will present our animal facts to each other. It has been a big hit so far with the students.



### Reading

Every morning I read a picture book to my students. We are learning about what an author is and who an illustrator is. Ask your child to tell you what an author does. I believe you will be pleasantly surprised. I have introduced graph charts with books. We chart who liked the book, who didn't, who laughed, who got angry, etc. I have one up in our classroom. Come by and take a look at it. We are very proud of it!

The children have Reading Time when they pick out their own book to read on our nice new rug. Then they read to each other. What a great way to promote reading.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! I'm looking forward to a wonderful and exciting school year at HTA.

### Math



We are working on shapes. We know most of the names, but are concentrating on how to draw them. We are also working on patterns. This will continue for another week. We are using all sorts of concrete items to help with this concept. I have blocks with different shapes and colors and next week I will bring in M&M's.

We are practicing on how to write our numbers. We will continue to do this for a few more weeks on a regular basis. Please try and practice this at home.

### General



We say the Lord's Prayer every day and also the Pledge of Allegiance. I am working on how to properly do the sign of the cross. They now know to use three fingers and why.

We are working on how to hold a pencil correctly. We are working hard to start our numbers and letters at the top. Please reinforce this at home.

We made Koala puppets in honor of the animals arriving at the Phoenix Zoo. They will be arriving the first weekend in October. Did you know a baby koala rides on his mother's back until he is independent?

PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:30 am. WEDNESDAY IS SPIRIT DAY. PLEASE WEAR YOUR HTA T-SHIRT AND JEANS. SHOW AND TELL WILL BE ON THURSDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY.