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Kindergarten News

Science



We are enjoying a great unit on plants. Mrs. Rock and the students have planted pinto beans. The children put some pinto bean seeds in soil and some pinto bean seeds in a damp paper towel. We are now waiting to see which seeds sprout first. Every morning, the children check on the seeds in the soil and in the paper towels. So far, it looks like the seeds in the moist paper towels are winning!

The students made wonderful books regarding the life of a plant. Please check them out on the wall outside our classroom. I am very proud of them. They are all so creative and describe in detail what happens when you plant a seed and give it sun, rain, and soil. It becomes a plant!

Reading



We have finished our unit on the letter A. We have worked on words that begin with the letter A and also the sound it makes. Our apple poems are outside our classroom.

Next week we begin the letter B. We also are working on our alphabet books. They will be coming home shortly.

Rhyming words are a big hit. Every day we each say our special rhyming words and have been singing our rhyming song about five ducks.

Show and Tell has been moved to Thursday! Please try and bring an item that is not a toy. Books are always a great choice! Wednesday is Spirit Day. Please wear jeans and your HTA t-shirt.

Math



Patterns are so important to children at this age. They learn how to recognize a pattern and anticipate how the pattern can be extended. We have had so much fun using blocks, shapes and writing on the white board. We have been using different color counting cubes and have made some pretty impressive patterns. It is a great problem-solving and thinking activity.

We are wrapping up our comparison unit on larger, smaller, under, over, etc. I will be testing the children next week on what we have covered so far.

Please continue to write the numbers with your child. We practice this on a daily basis and concentrate on holding the pencil correctly. Also, writing from the top to the bottom.

General



The children all know how to turn on the computer. We have been practicing on double clicking the mouse to start a game.

We are still working on classroom rules. We are really trying to remember to raise our hands, not talk when the teacher is talking, and to be nice to each other.

Ask your child to tell you who Mozart is. When we are working, I put on Mozart and tell them this is brain music. They love it and remind me to turn it on when I forget.

Our religious lesson was when Jesus walked on water. We learned how Peter tried but started doubting and he started sinking. Trust in God and have faith.

Please practice your home phone number with your child. We are working on learning it in school. It is very important for them to know their home number in case of an emergency. Thanks, and have a great weekend!