

Children are half our population and all of our future.

-Author Unknown

## \* The Kindergarten News \*

for the week of 8 / 23 / 21

- **Theme** – The Five Senses
- **Introduce** – Cc & Dd / sight words – up, down, go, and, is / review 1 - 10
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – **conspicuous** – *clearly in view, easy to be seen*  
**discard** – *to throw away, to cast off*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Musical Instruments
- **Fable** – The Lion and the Mouse

### Language Arts

We love reading, yes we do! We love reading, how about you? Week 2 brings an exciting development to our Kindergarten room! Guided reading work will begin with our Independent Reading Stories program. These one page stories were created by Dr. Roberta Noonan to help the students master basic sight words. We will learn 2 or 3 stories each week. Once your young scholar can read their story with relative fluency, they will be allowed to bring the story home to read to their family. It is suggested these stories be saved and compiled so that they can be reviewed regularly. The Independent Reading Stories program is an excellent precursor to Beginner Readers, which we will begin later in the school year. Our review of the alphabet also continues as we move on to the letters Cc and Dd. We will discover that letter Cc, even though it has two sounds, is not a vowel but indeed a consonant! It can have a hard sound – as in *cat*, and a soft sound too – as in *celery*. Once again, our readiness papers will help us practice correct letter formation and learn phonetic sound. We will begin work on learning to say our address this week, too. Each day, one student will be given the opportunity to tell me their full address - this includes not only street address but also city, state and zip code. Anyone who can successfully do so will be able to add their name to our “I Can!” can. We will talk about feelings this week as well. We will learn that another word for feelings is emotions and talk about what can make our emotions change. To coincide with this discussion, our literacy activity for the week will be a writing workshop in which each student will create a page for a class book about feelings. This book will then be displayed in our Kindergarten library!

### Math / Science

We will continue our review of the numbers 1 through 10. The boys and girls will also be introduced to our Bank game this week. This fun activity helps us learn place value by matching the correct amount of base ten blocks to a given numeral. We will start by working with ones and tens. Work will begin with our geometric solids as well. This week we will focus on the cube, cylinder, cone and sphere. We will discover that 3D shapes differ from 2D shapes in that they are fat, not flat and have sides called faces. Lastly, we'll kick off our three week unit of study on the Five Senses by first discussing our sense of sight. The students will learn about the parts of the eye and what it means to be blind. The children will play a visual memory game to help them learn about the important role that sight plays in assisting us with understanding our world.

### Important Dates

August 23 ..... Art Day / Sense-a-tional Glasses craft project  
September 6 ..... Labor Day / school closed

**Please remind your child that when printing his or her name that only the first letter is capitalized. The subsequent letters should be printed in lowercase. Thank you!**