

The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark.

-Thomas Paine

The Kindergarten News

For the week of 9/9/2024

- **Theme** – The Five Senses
- **Introductions** – sight words: in, the, me, & see / Gg & Hh
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – apprehensive- fearful, suspicious
discard- to throw away
- **Manners** – Wait your turn / Do not interrupt
- **Proverbs** – Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

Language Arts

As we continue our review of the alphabet this week, we move on to the letters Gg & Hh. The children will learn that the letter G, as with the letter C, has both a hard sound (as in gate) and a soft sound (as in giraffe). We will also discuss manners. We will understand that waiting our turn is important in all aspects, including conversations. The class will start on word families as well. This week, we will meet “at.” We will enjoy discovering how many new words we can create by placing different consonants in front of them. Since word family words have the same ending, this will be a good week to brush up on our rhyming skills. We will come to understand that rhyming words have the same ending sound. Rhyming rings will be added to our job shelf for the children to explore. Lastly, we will start learning interesting facts about the state of Illinois.

Math and Science

This week in math, we are learning to skip count by 2's! Skip counting helps children develop a strong foundation for future math skills like addition, multiplication, and number patterns. We'll practice counting by 2's with fun activities like songs, counting games, and hands-on activities. Encourage your child to practice at home by counting objects like socks or shoes! Feel free to ask them to show off their new counting skills—they'll love to share! Our unit on the five senses finishes this week, and the children will enjoy learning about their senses of taste and smell. The children will try to guess familiar items by how they smell and taste different foods later in the week. The children will sample a variety of foods and then classify them as sweet, sour, salty, bitter, bland, or spicy, and we will graph their favorite flavors. We will post the results outside our classroom so Parents can check out our results.

Student of the Week

September 9th – RJ

Important Dates

September 12th – Class tasting party!

Homework packets are sent home on Monday and are due back on Friday.

Please make sure you are checking your child's green folder every day.

Thank you! Have a great week!