



HELLO FROM IH!



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We're moving right along...

This week...

Our second week has moved along smoothly. We have continued to do lots of community building activities. One of our favorites was making a web with yarn and then working together as a team to pick up a book using the web – it took us several tries before we could do it. But we worked as a team and succeeded!

Math

We have started a unit on counting! We have been counting lots of things in the classroom and at home. (Thank you for your support!) We have also been practicing the "counting on" strategy. For instance if you child has 5 marbles in their hand and you give them 2 more they might say, "five, six, seven," instead of starting with "one" again. At home you may like to encourage your child to identify numbers on signs, in books, on a calendar etc. When your child identifies a number ask a question about that number, e.g., "What comes after eight?" or "What comes before eight?" Have fun!

Reading

We have spent the last week learning about the routine of reader's workshop. Each day we talk about reading. We've discussed what it looks like, where people do it and what people read. We then take our own special basket (plastic tub) of books and settle to read in a quiet place. When reading time is up we enjoy sharing our favorite pages in the books we have read.



Reminders

Swimming days are Sunday and Tuesday! Please remember to send your child's labeled swimming "stuff". Also, it is a good idea to have your child wear clothes that are EASY to remove and put back on on swim day. Try not to dress in clothes with buttons and zippers and snaps!

Library is every Monday. Please remember to remind your child to bring back their books from last week so that they can borrow new ones.

Saving Paper

Starting on September 1st the Elementary Express will be published on-line. Please send me a note if you do **not** have access to a computer and I will send you home a hard copy each Thursday.

On a slightly different note – If anyone has newspapers or brown paper bags from that commissary I would love it if you could send them in. I use them to line Ginger's cage when I clean it. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

August 30th

Opening Assembly – 2:30pm

August 31st

Back to school night – I look forward to seeing you there!

September 11th

After school activities begin

September 15th

ERD day – students dismissed at 11:30