

January 23, 2012

Kindergarten Current Events

Village Oaks Elementary



Field Trip

Mark your calendars!

Friday, February 17th the kindergartners will be visiting the Health Exploration Station in Canton. We will be exploring the museum and participating in a Five Senses science lab.

More information and permission slips will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Dates to Remember:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day— No School	1/16
Family BINGO Night, 7:00 p.m.	1/20
Professional Development Day— No School	1/27
Valentine's Day Parties	2/14
100th Day of School	2/15
Field Trip	2/17



Village Oaks Mission Statement:

The mission of Village Oaks Elementary is to create and maintain an educational environment that supports academic achievement, consistent with district, state and national standards to meet all students' learning needs.

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Visit our school website:

<http://www.novi.k2.mi.us/vo>

Curriculum News:

Word Study:

Nine, Find, Funny, Help



Reading:

Learning Targets for Reading

- Letter Identification
- Letter Sounds
- Rhyming
- Segment sounds to make words
- Follow story text by pointing to words
- Identify text as fiction or non-fiction
- Make predictions
- Using fix-up strategies to solve tricky words: Eagle Eye



Writer's Workshop:



Learning Targets for Writing

- Use of beginning and ending consonants
- Use of environmental print
- Write from top to bottom and left to right
- Finger spaces between words.
- Starting to add detail and write 1- 2 sentences

7 Habits of Happy Kids

We will be reading and discussing the book *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* written by Sean Covey. This book is broken up into 7 different stories. Each story teaches the children a lesson about living a happy life.

1. You are in charge!
2. Make a plan!
3. Work first, then play!
4. Everyone can win!
5. Listen before you talk!
6. Together is better!
7. Balance feels best!

Math:

Learning Targets for Math:



- Recognizing, writing and ordering numbers to 20
- Counting aloud 0-60 by ones
- Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's to 30
- Identify tools that measure time
- Simple addition problems (to the sum of 10)
- Creating and extending patterns

Science:

Learning Targets for My Earth Unit:

- Know that Earth is made up of land and water
- Know that Earth is made up more water than land
- Identify various earth materials- ie. Sand, soil, pebbles, etc.
- Recognize the parts of the globe that represent water and land
- Compare/classify earth materials
- Know that air is a substance that cannot be seen



Morning Arrival

We would like the children to become more independent. The children at this point in the school year can enter the building on their own in the morning. If you drop your child off, please say your good byes at the outside door and allow your child to enter the classroom unassisted.

If your child arrives after 9:05— they need to check in at the office. They should then walk down to the Kindergarten classrooms on their own. Thank you for helping us grow their independence.