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# Kindergarten Current Events

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We are happy to present the new Kindergarten grade-level newsletter! In this periodical, we will keep you informed of the events and curriculum that we plan together as a team of teachers. Classroom-specific news will come home, as needed, by email. Check out what's coming up in the next 2 weeks!

### Special Points of Interest:

- Kindergarten Newsletters will come every other Monday. We are attempting to go paperless with these, so please get your email address to your child's teacher.

- [www.bookflix.com](http://www.bookflix.com) is a wonderful site that brings books alive! You can access it from home, too. The kids love it!

Username: voakses

Password: bookflix

### Dates to Remember:

Count Day!

10/5



## Curriculum News:

### Reading:

We will be launching our literacy block this week. *Reader's Workshop/Daily 5* is what we call this time in our day. Our plan is to start this at a pace that suits your kids. Ultimately, this management system fosters independent learning and the students will be engaged in the following activities:

- Read to Self
- Read to Someone
- Word Work
- Work on Writing
- Listen to Reading

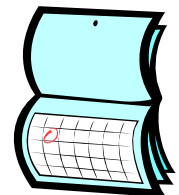
We asked for your child to bring in their own set of headphones for this. If you haven't sent some in, please do so with your child's name labeled on them. If you are unable to provide headphones, we have some your child can use.

### Writer's Workshop:

We will be learning that pictures can tell a story. At this early stage in your child's writing life, he/she will attempt to spell sounds he/she hears and draw pictures to support his/her thoughts. We encourage you to celebrate efforts in writing rather than correct any misspellings you might find on work that comes home or writing your child does at home. Children need to feel confident in order to take the risk of writing down their thoughts. You can give them this confidence by being their cheerleader. We realize some words are completely unable to be read. :) Just ask him/her to read his/her story to you. We do that trick all the time!

### Math:

We are working on recognizing and writing numbers to 20. Our daily calendar routine covers most of our required math skills. We are learning days of the week, months of the year, and how to track the days on the calendar. In addition to that, the students are learning how to make tally marks and being introduced to the concept of place value. You can help us by asking your child to sing the songs they learned to help them remember the days of the week. It's super cute!



## Odds & Ends:

- Please be sure to send in a healthy snack each day for your child. Please do not send in juice or any liquid other than water. It helps to label the snack with the word "snack" and/or pack it separately from your child's lunch. Let us know if you are unable to provide a snack.
- Please make sure anything you send in with your child has his/her name on it. Coats, backpacks, or any other school supply should have your child's name on it to ensure it gets to the right child.
- Please make time in your busy schedules to cut, color and glue with your child. We do a lot of this in Kindergarten to build hand strength and work on fine motor skills. Any practice you can do at home will greatly benefit your child. Just say "yes" to making a mess! Your kid will love it! And it will help them feel successful in school!