

Dear Parents,

Our language curriculum in kindergarten focuses on the mastery of letters/sounds, sight words and various components of reading strategies. We are sending home a "year at a glance" so that you can see what they are learning each month. Each teacher may teach the order a little differently, however all of it will be covered by year end. Ultimately the goal for all of the kindergartners will be to write words and sentences and to grow independently in reading. In order to produce this expectation, without setting children up for failure, it is ideal to know all letters by sight, sound, and formation before we begin the writing process and to be able to dictate words. Your help at home will make for better success for your child in school, confidence, and in life. You will find the sight words or "popcorn words" as your child will learn them attached to this letter so that you can cut them out and practice them as flash cards.

*As always thank-you for you cooperation!
The Kindergarten Teachers*

Letters & Sounds

| August | September | October | November | December |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| | <i>(Handwriting)</i> teaching stroke formation - top to bottom Ll, Ii, Tt, Oo, Aa, Dd | <i>(Handwriting)</i> Cc, Ee, Ff, Ss, Gg, Jj, Rr | <i>(Handwriting)</i> Qq, Uu, Bb, Pp, Mm, Nn, Ww, | <i>(Handwriting)</i> Hh, Vv, Xx, Yy, Zz, Kk |
| January | February | March | April | May |
| <i>(Handwriting)</i> Sentence formation <i>Word Families</i> -at, -all, -ate | <i>(Handwriting)</i> Sentence formation <i>Word Families</i> -ug, -in, -ill | <i>(Handwriting)</i> Sentence formation <i>Word Families</i> -ing, -op, -ick, - est, -an | <i>Word Families</i> -ump, -ake, -eep | <i>Word Families</i> -ell |

Sight Words/Popcorn Words

| August | September | October | November | December |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Back to School/ Getting to know each other | see, I, two, three, the, a, red, four, can, you, green | my, like, five, is, play, yellow, to, go, six, and, orange, big, little, blue | look, up, down, seven, off, on, or, brown, yes, no, black | stop, said, purple, eight, nine, white pink, ten |
| January | February | March | April | May |
| this, for, am, do, good, day, very, school, one, zero, we, she, he, be, me | was, dear, love, friend, because, come, some, from | of, they, his, her, what, has, have, | here, are, with, your, where, who, | Review |

Popcorn Words

Other words may be introduced throughout the school year as well.

Popcorn words keep popping up everywhere we look! Our job is to "butter" them when we see them. So keep a yellow marker, crayon, &/or highlighter handy. When your child spies a popcorn word make sure they butter it!! Thanks for your help!!!