



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class September 13, 2019



We are off to a great start. The children are settling into school and classroom routines, getting to know one another and discovering that Kindergarten can be so much fun!



## Language Development & Reading:

~We've read lots of book over the past two weeks. Amongst our favorites:

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten – and then we created illustrates to show what Miss Bindergarten did.

Can I Play Too? – and then we talked about and charted ways to be a good friend.

If You Take a Mouse to School & Rufus Goes to School – after which we talked about our Hopes & Dreams for Kindergarten.

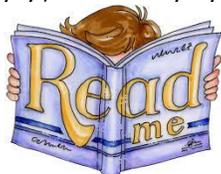
How Full Is Your Bucket – your child might start talking about the invisible bucket that we all carry around. When we are happy, our bucket is full and when he are sad it is empty. We talked about how to be a bucket filler and help our friends feel happy.

The Dot – this is a wonderful story about trying new things and celebrating our accomplishments.

~In our room we also love to read and "perform" Nursery Rhymes. A favorite this week was "Jack Be Nimble." We acted out the rhyme many times, substituting Jack's name for the names of the children in the class and jumping over a pretend candlestick.

~We began our Foundations Literacy Program. You have been receiving materials throughout this week that will help you to better understand the program and ways in which you can help "coach" your child. If you haven't already heard about Echo and Baby Echo, ask your child who they are and how they help us learn our letters.

This week's letters: t~top~/t/, b~bat~/b/ and f~fun~/f/



## Upcoming Events and Reminders

**Friday 9/13:** Barley Sheaf Ice Cream Social @ 6:15PM

**Thursday 9/19:** Early Dismissal Day

**Monday 9/23:** School Pictures Day  
Scholastic Book Orders due. This is a totally optional program. If you would like to order books you can do so online or by sending in the paper order form.

**Monday 9/30:** No School ~ Rosh Hashanah

**Thursday, 10/3:** Kindergarten Open House



## Birthdays

Noah 9/8  
Emily 9/20



### Math:

- ~We have established a number of daily counting routines.
- ~We explored counting to and recognizing 5
- ~We practiced recognizing numerals and counting out corresponding sets of counters.
- ~We read Anno's Counting Book and modeled pictures of groups of 2 and 3 objects on slates and paper



### Social Studies/Science:

- ~We played many different games to help us learn each other's names
- ~We talked about and created a class list of our Hopes and Dreams for what we would like to accomplish this year. We look forward to learning many things and having fun this year. We created our classroom rules together so that we can obtain these Hopes and Dreams.
- ~We learned how to be Weather Watchers and we are recording the different types of weather we see each day.

### Other Activities

- ~We had a great time exploring our Choice Time centers at the end of the day. This time is so important for developing social as well as academic skills... and as an added bonus, it's just lots of fun. Centers have included: Art (with markers, crayons and playdough), Blocks, Imagination (dramatic play), Legos, Math, Games & Puzzles, Science and Sand.

## Special **PLAY DOUGH** Recipe

The children asked if I could send home my special playdough recipe so here it is (just mix everything in a mixer):

2 ½ cups flour

½ cup salt

2 cups boiling water

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 tsp cream of tartar

Make it "Apple Pie" Playdough by adding: red food coloring and 1 tablespoon of cinnamon

### *Please Remember to*

- \*Send your child in with a nutritious snack. Water bottles (non-leaky 😊 😊) are also encouraged.



- \*Empty your child's Green Folder each evening.



### Notes:

- ~Thanks to everyone for sending in the classroom supplies. I appreciate your generosity!

