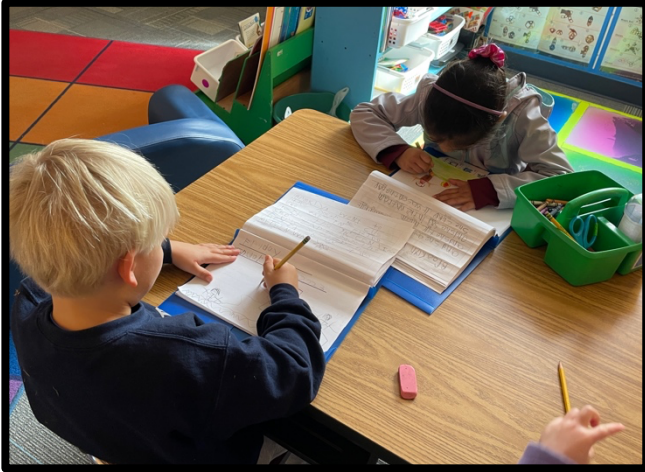




The Jones Journal

January 27, 2023



Maddox and Ananya work hard in their journal.

THE PAST TWO WEEKS...

...we have been discussing which letters are vowels and why they are special. We also have been learning some special rules (like all 'real' words must have at least one vowel!) See if your child can name the vowels and some of the rules we have discussed.

FYI

I hope everyone is enjoying the books being sent home in the new Homework Folders! If your child has not received a folder, look for the letter that was sent in your child's Friday Folder to sign and return to school. Please remind your child the first thing they should do in the mornings when they arrive in the classroom is to turn in their Homework Folders (assuming they are done reading the two books.) If their folder is not put in the red bucket in the morning, I typically do not have a chance to change the books until after school. This means they must wait until the next day before receiving another two books. On Fridays, I usually place each child's Homework Folder inside their Friday Folder. You are welcome to return it in their Friday Folder as well since I check each one first thing Monday morning.

If your child eats breakfast at school, please make every effort to have them at school in plenty of time to eat before the tardy bell rings at 7:50. This will help increase the amount of instructional time I have with the children in the morning.

NEEDED

We will **not** have a class Valentine's Day 'party' in February, however, if your child would like to address cards for everyone in our class, I have included a list of names (on the back of this newsletter.) Although this is not mandatory, it can be a wonderful authentic writing opportunity for the children. There will be time during that day for the children to deliver any treats and/or cards they have brought. I highly suggest that any cards sent in be folded so the name of who it is addressed to, is on the outside. This ensures the children can easily read the cards while delivering. I have purchased bags for each child to decorate (at school) so there is no need for parents to send in boxes.

Please make sure your child has a warm jacket, hat, mittens, etc. each day, especially since our scheduled recess time is 9:15. I have a few extra coats for those times when students forget.

PARENT READING

This week I've included a short article about the positive effects of a playground. The article deals with neighborhood playgrounds; however, I think that the information is useful in a school system setting as well. The article is attached to the same email as this newsletter. It can also be found on our classroom's blog (mrssjonesclass.blogspot.com) on the right side under *Suggested Parent Readings*.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 1 – Gogue Field Trip (Winnie the Pooh)
- 3 – Dad's League @ 7:00
- January Journals go home
- 15 – Spring Pictures (individual and class)
- 16 – Black History Month Program @ 9:30

ONE LAST THING

Please remember that whenever your child is absent (sick, vacation, etc.) you need to send in a handwritten excuse ASAP. If it helps, please feel free to email me a scanned copy of the excuse and I will print it off to send to the office. Thank you so much!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!!! -S. Jones

S. Jones' Class
2022-2023

1. Maddox
2. Charlie
3. Evelyn
4. Lillie Kate
5. Elizabeth
6. Adaiya
7. Kirkland
8. Wells
9. Donavon
10. Brooklyn
11. Isaiah
12. Kaitlynn
13. Mac
14. Henry
15. Ananya
16. Amy