



The Jones Journal

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Annabelle and Henry sign their name during snack center.

THE PAST TWO WEEKS WE...

...have read lots of books during Shared Reading about numerals, number words, adding, counting forwards and counting backwards. Some of the titles we have read are Ten Black Dots, Five Little Ducks, Ten Little Puppies, Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree, How Many Snails?, One White Sail, Quack and Count, and A Cake for Barney.

...have been focusing on phonemic awareness skills during Shared Journal. Before children learn to read and write they must first understand how the sounds in words work. They must understand that words are made up of speech sounds. One specific way to help your child at home develop this skill is producing the first sound in words. The next time you are in the car with your child or eating dinner, ask them to tell you the sound (**not** what letter...that skill comes next) in certain items you see around. Make it a game and even let them ask you. For example, ask your child "What sound do you hear at the beginning of spoon?" They should reply with the /s/ sound (remember, not the letter name!) Vowels tend to be harder than consonants and some stop sounds (like /b/) are more difficult than continuous sounds (like /m/.) You may have to really exaggerate and/or repeat the beginning sounds at first.

FYI

Please help your child be successful in PE and recess by sending them to school in tennis shoes. This gives them the opportunity to safely play and be as active as possible! ☺

I realize how difficult it can be trying to remember when your child's library book is due, especially when the day frequently changes. Each Monday morning, I will post on Dojo which day we will be visiting the library that week to ensure your child has the opportunity to check out a new library book (if the previous book is returned.)

SAVE THE DATE...kindergarten is heading to Choctafaula's Pumpkin Patch, Tuesday, October 10th. All parents are invited to join us! More information will be sent out closer to time but I wanted everyone to get it on their calendar ASAP.

NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who filled out and returned the Eye Screening Form and the Gogue Field Trip form. You will find an extra copy of the form(s) I have not received from you in the 'Return' section of this week's Take Home Folder (just in case you misplaced the first copy.) Thanks for returning these and I'm sorry if I have overlooked any forms that have already been sent in.

PARENT READING

This week's article, titled *Student Representations at the Center: Promoting Classroom Equity*, is about math. Although the content is pulled from a middle school classroom, it directly applies to things going on in our kindergarten classroom. 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

September 15 – Dot Day

22 – Gogue's "The Rainbow Fish" form
& money due

ONE LAST THING

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is about a month away (Tuesday, October 17th!) Next week I will send out a link for everyone to sign up for a specific time slot to meet on this day.



Hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!!! -S. Jones