



The Jones Journal

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Reid and Kailee read our new class book.

THE PAST TWO WEEKS WE...

...have read lots of books during Shared Reading about numerals, number words, 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, Ten Nine Eight, 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! ☺

NEEDED

I usually have something for those children that forget snack or prefer 'school' snack. I usually buy the cheap bag cereal or animal crackers and they seem to like it just as well as the more expensive stuff. If you are at the grocery store sometime, we would appreciate anything 'scoop-able'. Thank you so much!

Please make sure to complete the Technology Survey that I emailed to everyone last week. If you need me to resend the link, please let me know. I wanted to go ahead and gather this information for the 'just in case' scenario. Plus, I wanted to play around with using a new skill that a fellow kindergarten teacher taught me. Thank you Mrs. Dobbs!

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

October 2 – September Journals go home
16 – Parent Conference Day

ONE LAST THING

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is Friday, October 16th. I am sure we will meet virtually via WebEx. As soon as I receive more information regarding this day, I will send out a link for parents to sign up for a specific time slot.



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