

Kid's Corner News

10/23/09

A jacket has been left in the room and no one has claimed it. It is a black old navy with gray trim and zip up collar...it is a pull over...

Your child will be bringing their yellow table reading bags home off and on throughout the week. These bags contain things for your child to work on at home with you or books they have read with me in school. There is a yellow piece of paper in this bag that has the activity listed and a place for you to sign your name. The paper books that look like coloring books are to stay at home and be placed in the blue plastic bin I sent home at the beginning of the year. The reading series books which have colored pages and look more expensive need to be sent back inside the bag. Please return these bags the very next day. Please make sure the yellow paper is inside along with the activity or book that was sent home. Please try to read with your child for 15 minutes every day.

Every Friday will be FUN SOCK day. We will look for patterns, similarities and differences. This also works on speaking skills. If your child has some fun socks that can tie into math, please let them wear them on Friday.

Cold season is coming. Please help your child to practice coughing and sneezing into their elbow. This helps to prevent spreading of germs. Thank you.
Please dress your child for the coming weather. Layers are great as they can take them off or add them as needed. We do try to go outside to play every day.

At home, some areas you can help reinforce:

*recognizing numbers:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12

*counting to 20 *practice writing their 1st name with only the first letter capitalized

*recognizing upper case and lower case letters

Two really good web sites: www.starfall.com--- very good for letters, reading, phonics

www.ABCYA.com--- very good for numbers, reading, all areas.

Within the next few weeks, I will begin my assessments for the 1st quarter marking period. I will be assessing your child on the skills listed above along with others.

We will be finishing out the week with seasonal activities and focusing on numbers, letters, sorting and patterning.

Some dates:

10/23-10/29 PTO book fair

10/27 Knight's Court grades 3-5 ONLY

10/30 Fall Celebration—note in your child's folder. Parents can come in at 2:10 to help with costumes. If you are attending, please send me a note. If you or someone else is going to be taking your child home after the party, I NEED YOU TO SEND IN A NOTE STATING THEY ARE GOING HOME AND WHO THEY WILL BE GOING HOME WITH. Thank you.

I am now working on our districts Blackboard. It is available on the District website. Please find the directions for accessing it attached. It will have upcoming events, newsletters, snack calendar, etc...

I hope your family has a wonderful weekend. Thank you for sharing your child with me.

Mrs. Kaminsky

BLACKBOARD DIRECTIONS

Monday, October 19, 2009

Dear Families,

Recently, I developed a blackboard page for our class. Blackboard is an interactive online community for information, communication, and activities. It is an excellent way to get information and keep the students engaged. The directions below show how to access this page. I know the directions seem complicated but it does go quickly.

1. First of all you want to begin on the Windsor website (<http://www.windsor-csd.org/>)
2. Click on the Blackboard icon on the lower left side of the page.



3. This will bring you to:



Browse Course Catalog

4. Click on: [Windsor ES - Bell](#) (29)
5. Now on the search catalog on the top of this page type in "Kaminsky" to search for our class.
6. In the middle of this page click on [wc.kkaminsky.08-09](#)
7. Now you are on our Blackboard page! ☺

On the blackboard page you will find red buttons on the left side. These are the buttons you will use to navigate our page. These buttons will direct you to information, new/memos, lessons, and activities. I hope you and your child enjoy this site!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Mrs. Kaminsky

