



PS 230 Kindergarten Newsletter

April 2019

Reading:

Kindergarten students will become *Avid Readers*. An *Avid Reader* is someone who not only loves to read, but also who does not want to stop and will read almost anywhere. Kindergarten students will be engaged in their reading by acting out the characters in their books through role-playing. The children will revisit some old favorites like *The Carrot Seed* and *Three Billy Goats Gruff*. They will also share knowledge about their topics from non-fiction books with their reading partners. At home, you can ask your child questions such as, "Why do you think the character feels that way" or "What is the *Wow* page you want to share with me?" or "Which parts are the same in these two books?"

Writing:

Kindergarten students will write information (non-fiction) books about topics that they love. They will write from their own experiences and what they know to teach others. Their books will be focused on **one** topic using craft elements like descriptions and pictures with parts labeled to support their topic. Other features include diagrams, captions, arrows and comparisons.

Math:

Kindergarten students will be studying *Sorting, Surveys and Counting to Collect Data* to solve problems. The students are asked to share and elaborate their reasoning and solutions on math problems. It is important for them to explain accurately his or her math thinking. At home, have your child sort or organize collections of objects like coins, toys or laundry. Then ask questions like, "How are these coins the same?" or "How could you sort them into groups?" or "What is the same or different about all of these?" Then count the number of items and compare the totals.

Social Studies:

Kindergarten students will be learning how families are the same and different. They will learn about a variety of family structures; immediate and extended.

Dates to Remember:

4/6 Kindergarten Family Science 10am-12pm (LS)

4/12 Boishakh/Bengali New Year Celebration

4/19 - 4/28 Spring Recess - School Closed

Thank You! Kindergarten Teachers





NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

From Ms. Fitzgerald (Music & Movement)

We hope you join us on April 12 to celebrate the Bengali New Year. Please remember to dress in comfortable clothes for dancing.

From Mr. Hanratty (Art)

In honor of Earth Day, Kindergarten will be learning about artists who focused on portraying natural environments in their artwork. Students will be combining painting and collage in a picture of an endangered species.

From Mr. Feder (Science)

Kindergarten will be measuring the length and mass of objects using non-standard units.

From Ms. Woods (Gym)

Kindergarten students are learning some soccer skills. Please remember sneakers. Please visit my webpage on the PS230.org website. Click on Gym, click on me (Ms. Woods), click on Lower School Physical Education.



