

Dear Families,

Wow! It's been a busy week in Kindergarten. I hope you find our newsletters helpful. The newsletters are a way for me to share with you all the fun happenings that are going on in our class.

This week, we noticed that words are EVERYWHERE! We talked about how readers don't just look at words, they try to read those words. We took a tour of the school and noticed all the words we could read. We came back to our room and made a list of all the words we could read on our way to and from school. We noticed we could read the following words on our walk to school: Whole Foods, Duane Reade, Rite Aid, Pizza, and Metro Diner. You can continue to do this as you move around the city. Notice the words all around you. For fun, you could even label items in your home to read and practice reading them.

We also did lots of writing! This week, we decorated our writing folders, brainstormed ideas of what we could write about, and talked about how representational pictures can help you tell a story. During writing time, the teacher teaches a new skill and the kids get a chance to try it out during independent writing time. At the end, we get a chance to share all that we learned.

To help us be inspired writers', we are asking that you work with your child at home to make a writing collage. This collage will live in your child's writing folder and will be there to help inspire topics for writing. When you make the collage, please use an 8/12 x 11 sheet of paper. Some ideas of what you can put on the collage are: fun family photos (can be trips you went on, hobbies you have, extended family pics, etc.), cutouts from magazines (favorite hobbies, characters, foods, books, movies, animals, sports, etc.), stickers (of favorite animals, things, etc) or anything else you can think of that inspires your child. You can glue the items down on the paper and we will add the collage to our writing folders. We hope you have fun doing this activity with your child and that you have many fun conversations about what is important to your child. Please bring in your collage by Tuesday, October 12th. If you have any questions, just holler. Thanks!

In math workshop, we have been spending some time discovering all the manipulatives we have in our class. This week, we spent some time playing with pattern blocks. Our guided discovery was a huge hit. The kids noticed you could stack the blocks, use them to create designs (like flowers) and organize them by shape and size.

Our first Friday of the month field trip will take place on Friday, October 6th. We will head over to Central Park to read some books, do leaf rubbings, and play in the playground for a bit. If you would like to join us, a sign up sheet is posted outside the door.

Here's to a great October. Thanks so much for all your support.

Love,

Amy