* Please remember to check the GREEN ALLIGATOR folder daily and return it to school. Remove anything in the “Keep at Home” side and check the “Return to School” side for important notes/info.
* Homework is sent home at the beginning of the month. It is optional to do. It reviews all the concepts that we are working on in class. Keep the packet at home until it is completed and send it back to school at the end of the month.
* Science Fun for Everyone will be visiting on Wednesday, November 4. This is an in school field trip. Permission slips will be sent home this week and need to be returned by Monday, November 2.
* If you have not already, below is a link to a signup genius for parent/teacher conferences. Wake County likes teachers to meet with their students parents twice a school year to discuss student progress and any concerns by either party. All conferences will be held in my classroom, room 222. Please sign up for a date and time that works best for you. If none of the dates work please contact me so we can schedule a time that works for the both of us. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044FACA92CA2FA7-parentteacher2
* Before track-out I sent home raz-kids information. I strongly encourage you to let your student use this program at home. This will help them in learning how to read.
* Book orders were sent home last week. I will be placing the order on Friday, October 30. If you visit [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), our “book club” class code is: N8ZZF.
* 11/2 – Delaney Mize’s Birthday
* 11/3 – Simon Henao’s Birthday
* 11/4 – Science Fun for Everyone visit
* 11/10 – Track-Out Day

# Important Dates

**Literacy:** Our Guided Reading groups are up and running and going pretty well! Students will continue to work on developing independence during Literacy centers. This week we will be focusing on comparing facts and information found in non-fiction text. We will be looking at the Let’s Find Out magazine comparing bats and birds. We will looking at a few other non-fiction text and comparing and contrasting the information we find.

**Phonics:** We are continuing the next section of our Letter Land phonics program. We are focusing on a letter a day and doing different activities to help the students remember the letter and the sound it makes. We will also practice identifying the difference between letters and words. The children will participate in a sorting activity using letters, words, and sentences.

**Sight Words:** I, at, is, to like, me, the, it, am, and, went, a, come, in, here, go, see, my, you, look, up, said, we, on, can, play, an, got, for, with. **New Words: one, his, she, have, no**

**Writing:** We are working on making the students more confident in their writing and to enjoy writing. We are working on sentence starters and making sentences before going into small moments. We will work on adding details in our sentences as we are writing. I have a few fun writing activities planned this week to go along with Halloween on Saturday. We will continue to work hard on “Being a Smartie Speller” while we write. Our Kindergartners are really working hard on applying their letter/sound knowledge to the writing of words and sentences.

**Math:** Every morning we work on calendar concepts during our morning meeting. In Math class we will continue practicing counting by ones and tens using a hundreds chart. During centers this week, students will be working on teen numbers. We are also learning about tens and ones and how they make up a number. As we continue working in small groups during centers, students will practice staying on task, using a quiet voice, and working cooperatively with others.

**Handwriting:** We will practice writing lowercase letters formed in similar ways.

**Science:** We have begun our Investigating Properties Unit! We will be discussing different ways to sort objects (size, texture, color, etc). We will also be investigating a pumpkin this week. During our Science Units I will be having experiment Fridays with the class. They will be safe simple experiments where the students can be scientist!

# Reminders/Further Information

Monday: Music

Tuesday: P.E.

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Media

Friday: Guidance

# Specials

# Curriculum News

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

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