Monday: Readers Theater

Tuesday: TA

Wednesday: P.E.

Thursday: Art

Friday: Guidance

# Specials

**Have a wonderful week!**

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**Literacy:** This week we will be working on the three ways to read a book (read the pictures, read the words, and retell) and the Daily 5 Read to Self. For Read to Self the students choose a book, pick a quiet spot in the classroom, and practice reading the book in the three ways for 5 minutes. The next several weeks the children will slowly be introduced to literacy centers. The children are practicing working quietly, staying in one spot, and focusing on their task. We will be learning to write our names using proper letter formation, making sure to capitalize only the first letter.

**Writing:** During writing this week we will be making an “All About Me” book and have start to practice drawing pictures and writing small sentences that go with the picture. We are working on kindergarten coloring (coloring in the lines, using “real life” colors, and filling in the white space). I encourage the children to “stretch words out” to sound things out. Students are encouraged try their best to write the sounds that they hear. At this point our priority is not for them to spell words perfectly; we simply want them to listen for sounds and write the letters that correspond. This is hard work for little ones and “kid writing” is very appropriate for this time of year! The goal is for children to get excited about writing and to share their work with pride.

**Math:** We have been working every morning on calendar concepts. Students have been practicing counting by ones and tens using a hundred chart. Students have been doing math centers that worked on counting objects, identifying and forming numbers to 10 using Unifix cubes, bingo dotters, and pattern blocks. We learned poems for each number and students will be able to write the numbers 0-10 correctly in the next few weeks.

**Social Studies:** We spent the past week of Kindergarten engaged in activities that allowed us to get to know each other, form friendships, and establish clear expectations for learning. We’ve provided lots of time for social experiences and the practicing of new classroom routines. It’s been fun to explore our new school and classroom environment together! We have begun our discussion on our “Traffic Light” behavior system and the importance of being patient, responsible, respectful, caring, and helpful. We always strive to make good “green” choices. If we are doing something that is unsafe or unkind we may need a reminder and have to move our clip to “yellow”. The children always have a chance to make the right choice and move back to green. If they continue to need reminders and must move their clip to “red”, a note will be sent home so that they can talk about how they will make better choices for the next day.

# Reminders/Further Information

# Important Dates

* 7/30 - Open House
* 8/14 - Early Release (Dismissal begins at 1:15)
* 8/17 – Track out
* 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.
* If your child’s transportation changes (even if it’s for the day), please send a note in in their alligator folder letting us know.
* Please send in a family photo we will be making a scrapbook of our class and their families. This is a great way for the students’ to get to know their new classroom family a little better and also help them feel more comfortable in their new environment.
* Please remember to send in a healthy snack with your student each day for our snack time.
* Send in $4.00 for the registration fee for RAZ Kids if you have not done so already.
* My Blackboard account is up and running and I will update it each week with information. Go to Alston Ridge’s website, click on class pages, and then click on my name under Kindergarten and it will take you to the site.
* Please send a water bottle in with your student each day for recess it gets hot out there!
* If you visit [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), our “book club” class code is: N8ZZF.

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# Curriculum News

