Monday: Science

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Media

Thursday: Readers Theater

Friday: TA

* 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.
* Thursday, July 30, the school will be having an open house. Open house will begin at 6 p.m. with a short PTA presentation. Then at 6:20 and 6:50 I will be hold an informational session in my classroom. I hope to see you there!
* Curious George? Movies? Your student may be telling you that they watch videos daily. Dismissal is roughly 40 minutes each day and that is a long time for kindergarteners to sit still and wait to be dismissed. So during this time we watch Curious George to pass the time.
* 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.
* Our classroom gets chilly throughout the day and we do not have control of the room temperature. If you could send a sweater for your student to wear when they get cold it would be appreciated.
* 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.

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

**Literacy:** This week we will continue working on the three ways to read a book (read the pictures, read the words, and retell) and the Daily 5 Read to Someone. For Read to Someone the students choose a partner and 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 the rest of the Daily 5 literacy centers. The children are practicing working quietly, staying in one spot, and focusing on their task.

**Phonics:** We will review the sounds of the letters we practice during our handwriting time.

**Writing:** During writing this week we will be finishing our “All About Me” book and 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:** Every morning we are working on calendar concepts during our morning meeting. In Math class we will continue practicing counting by ones and tens using a hundred chart. During centers this week, students will work on counting objects, identifying, and forming numbers to 10 using Play-Doh, Unifix cubes, computer activities, and pattern blocks. As we continue working in small groups during centers, students will practice staying on task, using a quiet voice, and working cooperatively with others.

**Social Studies:** We are continuing to practice being a good citizen. The students are engaged in activities that allow 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. We are continuing 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.

# Curriculum News

# Specials

**Have a wonderful week!**

Ms. Dodson

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# Reminders/Further Information

# Important Dates

* 7/30 - Open House
* 8/14 - Early Release (Dismissal begins at 1:15)
* 8/17 – Track out

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