October 6, 2011

A blustery October greeting to all of you! Thank you for making sure that your student arrives at school prepared for the weather of the day. The rains have come and your kiddos are staying pretty dry at recess. This makes it easier to learn for the remainder of our day.

Thank you for coming to your child’s conference. It is difficult to work student conferences into the busy family schedule and I appreciate your efforts. When students see families and teachers working together to help them succeed, students know they have everyone’s support in their efforts to learn.

One question that kept coming up at conferences – “What work stays home and what goes back to school?” An excellent question! If work has a stamp on it, I have seen it and the work can stay home. Homework returned to school that will earn a sticker toward a visit to the Surprise Basket consists of the colored half sheet Read Well homework, the letter of the week’s “What Begins With ___?” and math Practice and Enrichment pages. Other work that comes home will be something that your child was unable to finish during class and he/she wanted to finish to earn a stamp. This type of work can be returned to school; I will review it, giving feedback when necessary via a note, stamp the work and return it to the student. The stamp means I have seen it.

This past week we learned about the letter k – the sound it makes and how to write it. The Alphabet Cheer verse for letter k is, “K says k, kid in a kayak, k, k, k.”

Our learning goals for the week:
- I can say the letter k sound.
- I can write capital letter K and small letter k.
- I can say five words that begin with the k sound.
- I can sort objects by size, shape, color, or purpose.
- I can sort objects that have two things the same (size and color, shape and size, etc.)

Important dates to remember:
- November 1st - Individual Picture Retakes. If your student was absent for picture day, he/she will have her photo taken on picture retake day. In the past, pictures from the first picture day have made it home for families to decide if a picture retake is needed.
- November 9th - Vision and Hearing Screening

Next week we are back to a regular schedule! Enjoy your weekend!

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