Good afternoon kindergarten families! It is getting colder out. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

I have noticed some of my students are here very early! Please remember that your child should not be on campus until 8:45 unless they are eating breakfast here. If your child does eat breakfast at school, he/she should be here no earlier than 8:30.

Parent Volunteer Applications – Please remember to apply for a background check if you plan to volunteer at school, even if you are only planning on going on a field trip at the end of the year. The end of the year comes very quickly and background checks take at least two weeks. I cannot take any unapproved volunteers, nor have unapproved volunteers in the classroom. It is better to have the approval now, so that if you have a spare moment and want to come and help in our class or on the field trip, you can take advantage of that special time. You can apply on line at http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/Online-Volunteer-Application.aspx.

Last week we learned about the letter r. The Alphabet Cheer verse is, “R says r, rooster on a roof, r, r, r.”

Our learning goals for the week were:
- I can say the letter r sound.
- I can write capital letter $R$ and small letter $r$.
- I can say five words that begin with the r sound.
- I can use the words before, after, left, and right to describe where things are in relation to one another.
- Leaves change color in the fall.

This week we are learning about the letter s. The Alphabet Cheer verse is “S says s, spider in the soup, s, s, s.”

Our learning goals for this week are:
- I can say the letter s sound.
- I can write capital letter $S$ and small letter $s$.
- I can say five words that begin with the s sound.
- I can tell the part of a pattern that repeats. (This is a difficult concept for kindergarten and we will be practicing this for a while!)
- I can name what comes next in a pattern.

Important dates to remember:
- October 31st – We will have a Harvest Party in class from 11:00 to 11:30. If you do not want your child to participate in this party, please let me know and an alternative activity will be found for him/her.
- 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. The pictures should be here soon!
- November 9th - Vision and Hearing Screening

Attached with this newsletter are word cards that can be used as flashcards or for games. Currently there are just three words that your child is learning, but by the end of the year, there will be many more. Some game ideas are attached as well. You can always find the word cards for the week and game ideas on the class blog at
http://kayflowers.edublogs.org/  I also place newsletters on the blog in case you cannot remember a nugget of information and have deleted your email.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you!

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