

Notes from the Teacher

Last week, our literacy centers were unveiled and students are loving them! I hope your child told you a thing or two about them, but if not, our weekly literacy centers are as follows:

<u>Word Work Center</u>- Students work with letters, sounds and words in specific ways to build a foundation for reading. As student's skills progress, so do the activities in the center!

<u>Write the Room Center</u>-Children get to move freely around the room with clip boards as they look for specific word cards/pictures dealing with different vocabulary or phonics skills we are focused on.

<u>Library Center</u>-Students interact with books in an authentic way. Students will listen to a story on CD, then identify specific literary elements, like main character and setting, and record through pictures. Later, students will record details about what happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story through drawings... and eventually sentences!

Research Center- Children explore different Science and Social Studies topics.

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Words	<u>Reading</u>	Writing	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	Social Studies
 Reviewing letters for the first few weeks of school. 	 Sight Words Characters/ Setting 	 Making letters correctly Talking in full sentences Drawing details Not scribbling 	 Using Objects to help Count Numbers 1-10 Recognizing and writing numbers 1-10 	 Practicing our observation skills. 	 Citizenship

<u>Little Notes...</u>

- * Don't forget to send in any supplies or extra clothes if you haven't yet.
- * Check my webpage out at the Bunn Elementary Homepage, accessible from the FCS webpage. Go to <u>Quick Links</u>. Click on CANVAS ONLINE LEARNING, and then my name. There are some good resources there, including my weekly Newsletters.
- * Don't forget to pack your child a healthy snack and water. (No flavored water or juice in the classroom please.)
- * Practice the September sight word list with your child at home so he can move his pencil on our Sight Word Central Board at the end of the month!
- * Gym Day is Friday. Your child must wear tennis shoes/sneakers to participate.

- * If you have not submitted your child's Kindergarten Physical or Kindergarten Fee (due the 16th), please do so ASAP (Checks can be made out to Bunn Elementary)
- * All transportation changes need to be in by noon on the day of the change. It is best to send a note in your child's take home folder; however, e-mails to me (before 11:30) and faxes to the office will be accepted, as well. If you send an e-mail, make sure you call me to verify I received it.
- * Homework was kicked off last week. If you haven't found the correct journals, those can be found at Walgreens, Target, Walmart, Office Depot, Staples, or the "Teach Me" store in Raleigh. The ones with the space for pictures are the best. Here is a link to an example: <u>http://www.walmart.com/ip/Mead-Early-Learning-Primary-Journal/23565871</u>. A picture is also below!
- * If your child is out sick, you must send a note the next day in the green daily folder listing the date your child was absent, and why. (It is sent to the office for documentation.) Doctor's notes are accepted, as well. If you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, you may not be able to do so during our "specials" time (12:00-12:40—Art, Music and Spanish are outside the main building) or during recess (12:40-1:10) because the building is "locked down" and students cannot get back into the main building without a teacher. (A teacher cannot leave a class unattended to escort a child down.) If you have any questions, please let me know!

Volunteer Status

-Don't forget, every parent must sign up for Volunteer Status online. Just go to <u>http://www.fcschools.net/pages/FCSchools</u>, then go to Quick Links, and then Volunteer Tracker Sign-Up. It only takes 10 minutes. Remember, if you're interested on chaperoning our big fieldtrip, you must be cleared.

(If you do not have a computer or Internet Access at home, stop by the office and ask to use our computers here! We'd love to help you get set up)



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