

Kindergarten Newsletter

August 29th, 2008

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks in our Kindergarten world! Sue (our morning Para-educator), Joni (our afternoon Para-educator), Nancy (our math support teacher), Lori (our ESL literacy teacher), Ms. Kate (our SSL teacher) and I have been enjoying getting to know your wonderful children. We have been exploring our Kindergarten environment and the larger Columbine community, thanks to Corduroy and his clues. Our Kinders are becoming more comfortable with their surroundings everyday: learning, playing and working together!

All About Me has been our theme... who we are, what we like and how we are similar and how we are different from each other. Observing one another and our environment is an intricate part of Kindergarten life.

Your child has been busy:

- Creating their I Like Me! Books.
- Making text to self-connections during various thematic read alouds and stories.
- Predicting and Graphing
 - ~How do you come to school?
 - ~Are there more boys or girls in their classroom?
 - ~How many letters are in your name?
 - ~What color are your eyes?
 - ~When is your birthday?

- Exploring, experimenting, creating and recording PATTERNS with various manipulatives: pattern blocks, uni-fix cubes & bears counters
- Name games, songs, sharing, playing, laughing, learning and much more!

As a school wide focus we are implementing PBS (Positive Behavior Support) system as our framework. The three elements we are concentrating on are being:

1. Respectful
2. Responsible
3. Safe

More information will go home in the Monthly Columbine Connections Newsletter next week.

Just a few reminders:

~The kindergartners have P.E. every Wednesday and Friday. Please have your child **wear appropriate shoes** so they can participate in all the gym activities. (*tennis shoes)

~**Parent/Teacher Mini-Conferences!** We are looking forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday, September 3rd. That evening we will be handing out and discussing our year long curriculum map, our daily/weekly schedule, district report cards/standards, volunteer opportunities in our kindergarten world AND much more! Please see the attached information.

Again, we are truly enjoying getting to know your children! We look forward to a wonderful year together!

Kristen

*If you have any questions or concerns please call me at Columbine between 8:00-8:25; 11:45-12:15; or 3:15-3:45 Monday-Friday. 303.443.0792 x241.