

# Kindergarten Weekly

Week of September 12-16, 2016

**Language Arts/Reading:** Phonics - We will be working on the recognition, sound and correct letter formation of the letter M. Shared reading - Monkey's Miserable Monday and My M Sound Box. We will also be making our own class "M" book where the children will draw something that begins with the letter M and label the picture by using phonetic spelling. We will be reviewing the two high frequency popcorn words taught so far, "I" and "can".

**How to help:** Practice writing uppercase and lowercase Mm's with food! Put Jell-O powder in a pan and have your child write the letters with his/her finger (try pudding or whip cream...if you're brave). Write the letters fairly large on a piece of paper and have your child build the letters using pennies or cereal pieces. Make sure to keep the popcorn word books in a special place where your child can take them out and practice (there are many more to come).

**Math:** Learning about positional words (over, under, in front of, behind, on, beside)

**How to help:** When using positional word with your child expand his/her vocabulary...use the word center instead of middle, beside instead of next to.

**PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports):** Our PBIS program teaches kids how to be respectful, responsible, proud and safe. We have previously learned about how to be a respectful whole body listeners and continue to practice and apply that on a daily basis. This week we will be talking about how to be responsible in school. We tell the kids that being responsible means there are things that are your "job" to do and a responsible person does their jobs and does not expect someone else to do them. Our kindergartners are responsible for hanging up their backpacks, taking out their folders and checking for notes, putting their own supplies away, wearing gym shoes on gym day and returning their library books on library day (and much, much more)!

**Safety Week:** We will be having numerous safety drills with the kids this week. Tornado drill on Monday. Bus safety and emergency evacuation on Tuesday. Lockdown drill on Thursday and p.m. fire drill on Friday (a.m. fire drill occurred on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>).

**How to help:** Make sure to talk about different safety rules/procedures in your home. Even practice with your child. I know many people avoid these things because they are afraid it might scare their children...but it could save lives in the event of a real emergency.

**Other:** Picture day is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Next week we will start sending out email correspondence to people who have submitted their emails. If you would like to receive things via email it's not too late. Email your child's teacher - Linda Schaschwary at [lschaschwary@itasca.k12.il.us](mailto:lschaschwary@itasca.k12.il.us) or Donna Suptela at [dsuptela@itasca.k12.il.us](mailto:dsuptela@itasca.k12.il.us) with your child's name in the subject area along with if they are a.m. or p.m. If you have not submitted your email you will still receive paper correspondence in your child's folder.