

# Kindergarten Weekly

Week of September 26-30, 2016

**Language Arts/Reading:** Phonics - working on the recognition, sound and correct letter formation of the letter A. Shared reading - The Adventures of Abby Alligator and My A Sound Box. Making our own class A book. When we do class books we are working with writing as well. We have the kids label the pictures using the letter sounds they know. We will be learning the high frequency popcorn word "we". Remember we call them popcorn words because they pop up everywhere! We will then practice reading the new word in a book called, We Can.

**How to help:** Pick one of your child's favorite books and look for the four popcorn words we have learned so far - I, can, the, we. You can keep a tally of how many times you came across one of those words. Remember to have your child read his/her popcorn books as often as possible and to as many different people as they can. The more your child practices the better they get☺

**Math:** We will continue with our sorting unit this week. We will also be doing the October calendar on Friday. Please hang this up in a place where your child can refer to it. Also, feel free to add any special family dates or events coming up in the month.

**How to help:** Sorting with food is always fun. Cereal is great...different colors and shapes.

**Other:** For the next two weeks your child will be taking our standardized assessment called iReady. This is a web based assessment and will be given to your child during our regular computer lab times. The reason we are taking two weeks to complete this is so that we can break the test parts into small pieces for the kids. Try to make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast or lunch before coming to school and a good night's sleep helps as well. Please remember any notes from home or anything you want your child to turn in should be in his/her folder, not backpack. If the item is in your child's backpack he/she often doesn't see it or forgets to give it to us and we do not look through all the kids' backpacks (working on independent skills). If it's in his/her folder...we will get it! However, library Star Reader Club homework should come back in your child's library bag...not folder. The Benson school office is trying to embrace the "go green" and save some green motto as well. School newsletters and fliers will be posted on the school website [www.itascaschools.com](http://www.itascaschools.com). You can go into the virtual backpack or click on "schools" and then "Benson" and you will find helpful information.