



# Kindergarten's Classroom Connection

September 11, 2014



Kindergarten is off to a great start and the children are already relaxing and starting to blossom!

- If you have been hearing the words pattern blocks, connecting cubes, or geoblocks, that's because the children have been busy exploring some of the math manipulatives that we will be using during "math workshop" time. Throughout the year children will be working with their peers to share ideas and materials. When solving a math problem the children will be asked to share their reasoning and solutions. At home encourage your child to explain his or her math thinking. You might be surprised by their answers.
- We have also begun a "First Week of Kindergarten" book where your children are illustrating and contemplating life as a kindergartener. As part of this process we discussed their hopes and dreams for kindergarten and made a list of classroom rules that will help us all work toward achieving these goals.

## Tidbits and Reminders:

- The classroom sometimes gets cold when the air conditioner is running, so please send in a sweater each day or one to be left on their hook.
- If you haven't sent in tennis shoes for sports please do that as soon as possible.
- Another helpful item for your child is a water bottle. You may send one in daily or weekly and we will be sure they come home on Friday to be washed. Please just let your child know if you would

like them to bring it home each day, otherwise we will send it home on Fridays.

- **Tomorrow, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** is the kindergarten **PTC Parent meeting** in the Alumni Room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Dismissal can often be a little crazy. Please help us make it a little smoother by telling your child when they are being picked up.
- September 27<sup>th</sup> is the famous Hill School Country Fair. It is held at the Dornin Science Barn from 9:00am to 2:00 pm.
- **Picture Day is Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**
- Next Wednesday, weather permitting, we are heading to Mr. Mack's garden to see and collect vegetables for Stone Soup. Please dress your child for a morning outside.
- Our apple picking field trip is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Hill School by 8:50am and return by 12:00pm. There is room for 2 parents on the bus but we would love to have more parents meet us there.

Finally, we enjoyed seeing so many of you last night at the Quinn's house. Please remember if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email.



Fondly,  
Denise All and Alex Bartz