

# *Kindergarten Classroom Connection*

*September 13, 2018*

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* and *geoblocks*, that's because the children have been busy exploring some of the math manipulatives that we will be using during Math Workshop. Throughout the year, the children will be working with their peers to share ideas and materials. When solving math problems, 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 working on 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 an extra pair of tennis shoes for sports, please do so as soon as possible.
- Many of you have already sent in a gallon bag labeled with your child's name and filled with a **change of clothes**. Please send one in, if you haven't already done so.
- Another helpful item for your child is a **water bottle**. Please send a full water bottle in daily, and we will do our best to get them into their backpacks each night.
- Dismissal can often be a little crazy. Please help us make it a little smoother by telling your child **what time they will be picked up**.
- Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten's 2:00 pick up is near the entrance of the lower school playground. This allows Cate and me to better manage putting children in cars as well as delivering children to parents who are parked and waiting in their cars.
- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> is the famous **Hill School Country Fair**. It will be held at the Dornin Science Barn. See Take note for details.
- **Picture day** is coming up on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. See order form attached to Take Note.

Finally, we are going to **Stribling Farm** on Wednesday, September 26th to learn about and pick apples. Stribling Farm requires us to have a release form for every child attending. We have attached the form to this week's newsletter. Please read and return the signed form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email Cate or me.