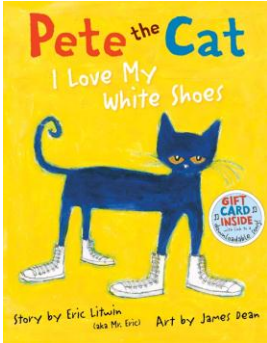


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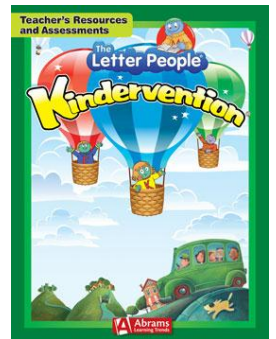
Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've already got another week of Jr. Kindergarten under our belts. The students are getting more comfortable with the daily routine and learning the rules of school. A special "Thank You" to you, the parents, for making the transition from home to school very smooth.

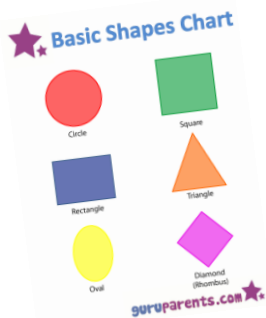


Next week we will begin to focus on Pete the Cat books written by Eric Litwin. This will help introduce our colors as well as turn our attention to beginning reading skills (author, illustrator, title, front cover, back cover, reading left to right, etc).

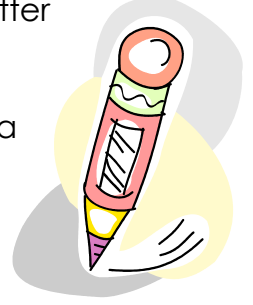
Along with our theme we will begin our Language Arts Curriculum, Kindervention. Kindervention focuses on the foundational skills of Kindergarten as well as the prerequisite skills for becoming a reader. Each week we will focus on a new letter. Our letter of the week will be letter Mm. In addition to our letter of the week, we will also everyday words (sight words) to practice and learn each week. Our everyday words for next week are: **I, like, to.** Please refer to the list sent home in your child's folder (white sheet of paper) or you can always find the list on my website underneath the elementary tab on the Dakota Valley main website.



In Math, we will introduce shapes. Each day we will focus on a two dimensional shape, adding one more each day until all nine have been introduced (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, star, heart, hexagon, ova, and diamond). When out and about please look for these shapes in everyday situations.



In Writing, the students will continue to work on pencil grasp, forming letters from the top down (always making sure each letter starts at the top and stops on the bottom line or “falls” below if needed), and strengthening their small motor skills to become a better writer. We will also beginning to learn our color songs. We will start with the color red. **Please have your child wear red on Friday, August 29th** 😊



Finally, if you have not returned the purple forms from Open House night please do so immediately. These forms include: census verification, climbing wall, internet, and pick up permission.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Galles

Week of Aug 25th: Letter of week: Mm Everyday words: I, like, to