

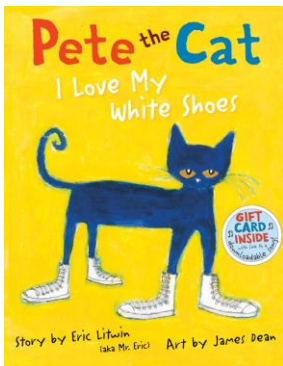
Dear Parents/Guardians,

August 29, 2014

We finished our second full week of school and the students are absorbing lots of new information. We've been really focusing on our pencil grip, letter formation when writing our names, and using our scissors to cut on the line accurately. Please continue to practice these skills with your child at home.



Our letter of the week was Mm. We met Mr. M who has a munching mouth and loves to eat all kinds of foods. His favorite foods include meatballs, macaroni, mashed potatoes, marshmallows, muffins, and milk. We also used pictures cards and decided if the picture started with the /m/ sound. The students did a great job learning how to form both the upper and lower case letter Mm. Please continue to practice writing the letters as well as discuss words that start with /m/ sound.



The class also enjoyed reading Pete the Cat books. Pete helped introduce our class to hearing rhyming words as well as looking at the color words throughout the books. We made different art projects, read and designed our own beginning reader books, and shared our favorite parts of the book with the class.

In Math, we learned about many 2D shapes. We discussed the components of each shape: lines, curves, vertices, angles, and points. Then we compared shapes that had similarities as well as differences and made a list of them. Next week we will continue to work with 2D shapes. We will also begin to use our Math Journals as a way to record our learning and thoughts.

Next week our theme will be feelings. We will discuss different situations and how that might make us feel. We will introduce what it means to be a kid of character and brainstorm what that might look like.



Along with the theme, our letter of the week will be Tt. Our color of the week will be blue. We will learn a new color song to help us learn how to spell the color blue. **Please have your child wear blue on Friday, September 5th as a way to celebrate the color of the week.**



I hope everyone has a safe and fun three day weekend.

Mrs. Galles

Reminders:

- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Sept. 1ST. Labor Day.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 3th Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for ELEMENTARY ONLY**
- **Thursday, Sept. 4th:** Elementary School Picture Day
- **Friday, Sept. 5th:** Please have your child wear **blue** to school.
- **HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES:**
 - **2014 ES Dakota Valley Homecoming Dress Up Days**
THEME: "Welcome to the Jungle"
 - **Monday: Safari / Jungle Day** (safari guide / animal print day)
 - **Tuesday ~ Crazy Hair / Hat Day**
 - **Wednesday: Color Day**
4th Grade ~ Orange
3rd Grade ~ Red
2nd Grade ~ Yellow
1st Grade ~ Purple
Kindergarten ~ Blue
Pre-K ~ Green

- **Thursday: ‘Merica Day (Red/White/Blue)**
- **Friday: Spirit Day**
- **By Tuesday, Sept. 16th:** Please send 1 apple to school with your child for multiple activities to do throughout the week. Any kind of apple is fine ☺
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Sept. 22nd. Teacher In-Service.
- **Tues. Sept. 30th:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for sign up sheet soon. Conferences Elem. only from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed. Oct. 1st:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for sign up sheet soon. Conferences all buildings from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs. Oct. 2nd:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 Teacher In Service.
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Oct. 3rd. Staff Compensation Day.

Kindervention:

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

Week of Sept. 2nd: Letter Tt **Everyday words:** and, are, you