

September 5, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's so hard to believe we are already into the month of September. The students are settling into their learning routines and becoming comfortable with the daily routine. A special "thank you" to everyone for making this transition so easy on the children.



The students were busy this week learning about the letter Tt. We found many items around the room as well as thought of many words that



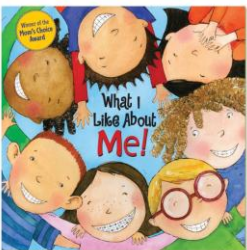
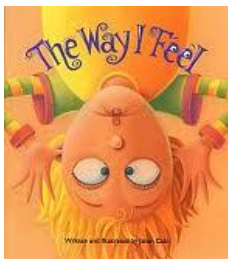
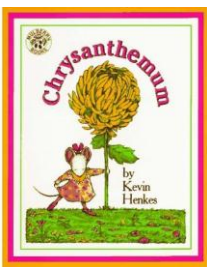
start with Tt. Please ask your child if they can name the sound Tt makes. When looking for objects in our room that started with Tt, here is a list of some of the words we came up with: Tyler, Tyler B., Tanner, Teagan, Tate, two, turtle, tower, tennis shoe, towel, tooth, teeth, Tuesday, and today. We also spent time this week learning

with Ms. T and her tall teeth. We played a game with picture cards and had to decide if they made the /t/ sound. We would say, "Tall teeth..." and then the word. The students all had a great time with this game.

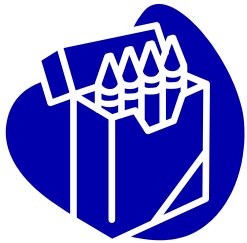
Along with Ms. T we also focused on hearing rhyming words in our shared reading "Frisky Tisky." And we added three more everyday words to our word wall: and, are, you. Please continue to help your child identify these words at home ☺

Another topic we talked about was feelings. We read many books throughout the week on how we all have different feelings, how to treat others, and what that might look like. Some of our

favorite books included: Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes, What I Like About Me by Allia Zobel-Nolan, and The Way I Feel by Janan Cain.



In Math, the student began learning about patterns. We noticed that our September calendar has an AB pattern (apple, book, apple, book). We noticed several patterns throughout the room like our shirts, socks, months of the year, and the stripes on the flag. See if you can find any patterns at your house this weekend. This week in math we also finished up our 2D shapes. We learned about: Hannah Heart, Oliver Oval, Diana Diamond, and Stella Star.



The students also learned about the color blue. We learned a cute song that taught us how to spell blue and named objects that are blue. Please practice singing this song with your child.

Next week, we will begin our letter focus on the letter Ff. Please practice writing both the upper and lower case letter, talk about the sound of Ff, and try to find different objects that start with the letter Ff. When practicing, please remind your child to start writing the letter at the top or the correct line (This will make it easier on your child when they learn to write cursive. We refer to the top solid line to the dotted line as the upstairs, the dotted line to the bottom solid line as the downstairs, and anything below the bottom solid line as the basement).

**Ff**



Our unit focus will be on Apples during the next two weeks. Some of the activities we will be doing include apple tasting, learning about Johnny Appleseed, making applesauce, and graphing results of our favorite apple. In Math we will continue to work with patterns and focus on numbers 1 - 5. Our color of the week will be orange. **Please have your child wear orange on**

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Have a great weekend! Mrs. Galles

## Reminders:

- **HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES: Sept. 15 – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

- **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**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Orange
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ~ Red
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ~ Yellow
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade ~ Purple
  - Kindergarten ~ Blue**
  - Pre-K ~ Green
- **Thursday: ‘Merica Day (Red/White/Blue)**
- **Friday: Spirit Day**
  
- **By Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>:** 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. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Teacher In-Service.
- **Tues. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for signup sheet soon. Conferences Elem. only from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for signup sheet soon. Conferences all buildings from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 Teacher In Service.

- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Staff Compensation Day.

**Kindervention:**

**Week of Aug 25<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Mm **Everyday words:** I, like, to

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

**Week of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Ff **Everyday words:** do, see, the