Week of September 3 - 7

Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K	No School-Labor Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7
Homework	KL – No Written Homework KH- No Written Homework; keep up the great reading!	KL – Writing First Name Read 10-15 Minutes KH- Writing First Name Read 10-15 Minutes	KL – Writing First Name Read 10-15 Minutes KH- Writing First Name and letter practice; read 10-15 minutes	KL – Concept/Question Board Read 10-15 Minutes KH- Prepare questions and any pictures to add to our Concept/Question Board* for our Unit 1 theme, Back to School	KL – Enjoy Reading Over The Weekend! KH- Keep up the great reading and writing practice over the weekend :)
Specials	None	KL – Art KH – Music	KL – P.E.-Wear Sneakers KH – Library	NONE KH – Show & Tell (bring a favorite book)	KL – Music KH – P.E.~ remember your sneakers!

Overview

KL –A wonderful first week in kindergarten. Everyone seems to be enjoying kindergarten. I hope it also has been a happy first week for you and your child. Thank you for making sure your child is prepared with their folder, homework, and snack each day. Please send only 1 healthy snack with your child. We only have about 5 to 10 minutes for the children to eat. Some children are bringing water and juice boxes and that is fine, but we do have a water fountain in the classroom.Using the fountain helps with fewer spills. ☺

We have begun our first theme, Off To School. The children have been able to enjoy the stories The Kissing Hand and Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten. They thoroughly enjoy books and being read to. Also, we have been reciting rhymes and the children have just begun to recognize and produce words that rhyme. You can reinforce this skill at home by having your child produce rhyming words. Example: I see a **cat** on a _____. **(mat)**

In math we have been completing activities where the children have had to analyze and solve problems using pictures and match sets using one to one correspondence. The following is the vocabulary we have used during these activities: above, below, next to, more than, less than, same number.

Information about Thursday's homework will be sent home on that day and this homework is not due until Monday, September 10.

Have a wonderful weekend!

KH – I am in awe of your student's progress in such a short amount of time. They all have come to school ready to learn and eager to show what they know as well as welcome challenges to read, rhyme, write and work with math problems using pictures to solve problems as well as match using one-to-one correspondence. The following is the math vocabulary we have used during these activities: *above, below, next to, more than, less than, same number*. Ask them about reading, and spelling some of our room labels ("flag", "television," "clock," etc.)! Please *continue* encouraging your child's love of learning and we will go far with their learning goals this kindergarten year. You have done an amazing job setting your students up for success as they start their all important kindergarten year. Thank you!

Our Unit 1, *Imagine It!*, reading and writing theme is "Off to School." We've read texts that connect with that theme such as *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*; ask them which words in the title rhyme! They can tell you; then prompt them to rhyme with words like cat (*hat*); man (*van*); hop (*stop*)….you will be amazed! *Soon we will begin creating a "Concept/Question Board" to share information students know about "Off to School" as well as provide space (on a poster) where they can add pictures about going back to school and/or ask questions (which I will write on a sticky note). The "Concept/Question Board" encourages inquiry into the unit theme and higher order thinking about what we will read and learn about in a unit. Information about Thursday's homework will be sent home on that day and this homework is *not due until Monday, September 10*.

Have a great weekend!

Dates to Remember

- **9/11 – Open House**
- **9/17 – PTO Meeting**
- **10/5 – School Pictures**

Websites for at-home use

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