

Pearl Rhodes Elementary

Weekly News

October 11, 2018



Preschool & Kindergarten News

Preschool and kindergarten is off to a great start. It's hard to believe that that first month of school has passed so quickly. It has been another stellar year for the Monarch butterfly and we are so happy to have had them return in abundance to our butterfly gardens and school yard. Thank you to all the volunteers this summer that helped clean out our gardens. Your careful work weeding around the milkweed has made such a happy habitat for our caterpillars and butterflies. We were fortunate to watch five caterpillars progress through the life cycle from caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly. We've been talking and learning about science vocabulary words such as life cycle, larva, pupa, chrysalis, and metamorphosis. We have also been doing some research about the monarchs. We have learned how to tell the difference between a male and a female monarch butterfly. The female has thicker black lines segmenting her wings, while the males are thinner and he also has a black dot located on each of his lower wings.

In math we have been learning about how to be a student leader for our morning math routines. Each day we have four student led jobs. We count from 1-10 on the number parade, we make an equation and practice counting by 10's on the 120 poster, we count how many days we have been in school and we graph the weather and compare different types of weather in each month/season. Your children have been taking great pride in the responsibility of teaching and leading the class. We have also been learning about shapes and we are learning to recognize, name, and write our numbers. Kindergarten has also been making arrangements, leaning about number partners, number sense, and has been comparing numbers.

Another big idea in our learning has been establishing and learning to follow the classroom rules and routines. We talk daily about our school wide themes of being safe, respectful, and responsible. We now know about expected behavior both inside and outside of the classroom. We practice having "Whole body listening" while we are gathered together on the meeting rug, and while teachers are giving instructions, or our classmates are leading and sharing activities and interests. Ask your child to show you what it means to have eyes watching, ears listening, voices quiet/off, and bodies still. Other topics we have been covering include: dealing with disappointment when we don't get called on or we don't have an opportunity to share our idea, THE GOLDEN RULE- treating other the way we want to be treated, and using kind words with others (eliminating potty talk, name calling, and teasing). Please continue to discuss these ideas with your children at home and help them to internalize why it is so important to treat others with kindness.

Thanks you to all the families that have been so incredibly generous with donations of snacks and classroom supplies. We really appreciate all you do to make our classroom a better place.

Upcoming Events

October 12

Full Day, 3:00 Release

October 19

No School, Teacher In-Service Day

November 1

12:15 Early Release, no lunch served

November 5

PTO MEETING, 4:00

November 5 - 9

Scholastic Book Fair

November 12

Veterans Day, No School

November 16

Full Day, 3:00 Release

November 19

Picture RETAKES

November 21

All School Field Trip to Turkey Trot @ BES

12:15 Early Release, no lunch served