



Kindergarten News
Lake George Elementary
August 22 2008



Dear Families,

Hurrah, we made it! It has been a busy first week in kindergarten. We hope the morning and afternoon traffic hasn't gotten the best of you. Thank you for your cooperation in making arrival and dismissal run smoothly.

If your child has had a difficult time adjusting to Kindergarten routines and rules, please support us by reviewing school rules and classroom behavior. Following through with consequences at home would improve behavior at school. Our goal is to work together to make this a great year.

In class we have spent much of our time getting to know our new friends and working on learning and following the rules in the classroom, the lunchroom and the playground. The children have also had the opportunity to go to some of their special area classes. We have celebrated being a Lake George Giraffe by making a giraffe and using our scissors and glue for the first time. Kindergarten teachers will be sending home a newsletter approximately once a month to let you know what we are working on in our classrooms.

Literacy

Learning Nursery Rhymes:

- *Three Little Kittens
- *Jack and Jill
- *Hey Diddle Diddle
- *Itsy Bitsy Spider
- *London Bridges Falling Down
- *Bingo
- *Hickory Dickory Dock
- *Pease Porridge Hot
- *Little Miss Muffet

Teacher Tip:

"What did you do in school?"

Instead of asking your child what he/she did in school, try asking specific questions, such as "What story did your teacher read today? What center did you go to? Who did you play with?"

Reading

In our Houghton Mifflin Reading we are currently working on a Unit called "Welcome to Kindergarten" and will be working on:

Alphabet Activities Reviewing Aa-Jj
(1 letter per day)

Reading Stories:

- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- *Three Billy Goats Gruff
- *Three Little Pigs
- *Henny Penny
- *The Little Engine that Could
- *The Tortoise and the Hare
- *The Lion and the Mouse
- *The Enormous Turnip

Math

In Everyday Math we will be working on:

- Comparing lengths
- Measuring heights
- Exploring and matching coins
- Exploring pattern blocks
- Counting orally and sequencing
- Numbers and sets
- Counting backwards
- Patterns
- Building Monthly Calendar



Explore New Worlds, READ!

Social Studies/Science

- UNIT 1: Rules (Our Big Book of Who We Are)
- Earth Science (Chapter 4)

Important Dates

- August 28, 2008
 - Kindergarten Open House (6:30PM-7:30PM)
 - PTA General Meeting
- September 1, 2008
 - No School (Labor Day)
- September 3, 2008
 - Giraffe Family Art Project due

Reminders

- ❖ Lunch Money needs to be put in your child's green folder. Please be sure it is in an envelope that is labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, and lunch money written on it.
- ❖ You may also visit <https://www.mylunchmoney.com/index.aspx> to make payments online. More information will be provided during Open House.
- ❖ Please continue to help us keep your child SAFE while on campus by following school guidelines (such as staying in your car during dismissal times).

Family Homework

1. **Sign & return all necessary paperwork to your teacher.**
2. **Join PTA.** It costs \$5.00/family. First class to get 100% membership gets a class gift card.
3. Read and get familiar with the ABC's of Kindergarten, as well as the Lake George Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. Discuss rules with your child.
4. Read with your child on a daily basis.
5. Check, sign your child's green G.I.R.A.F.F.E. folder every night.
6. If you are interested in being a classroom volunteer or to attend any field trips, you must complete online application. The address is: <https://volunteer.ocps.net/>
7. Visit our school web page: <http://www.lakegeorge.ocps.net/>