

Kindergarten

September Newsletter

Welcome to a new year at Jacob Beam! We are very excited and are looking forward to working with the Kindergarten students and their parents in the coming months!

Curriculum Focus

Over the course of the month, we will be focusing on learning the classroom routines and getting to know one another. Students will be challenged to partake in class activities independently and with friends. During our first theme, *The Best Me I Can Be!* we will be discussing what it means to be a good listener and a good friend. We will role play how to solve social situations in a caring and empathetic manner. The goal for September is to create a safe and stimulating learning environment for all students to excel and build self-confidence in.

We will also begin the *Jolly Phonics* programme by discussing the letters S, A, and T and I. Students will take home their *Jolly Phonics* books on Wednesday. Please try and find some time during the week to review this book with your child before returning it the following Monday. Your support is MUCH appreciated! In math, our focus will be on exploring the math manipulatives in the classroom as well as sorting and patterning. We will be exploring and describing patterns found in the “real world” as well as those we have created.

Upcoming News

We look forward to having parent volunteers in the classroom. Volunteers provide an invaluable service to our classroom. We will be sending home a volunteer survey in the coming weeks, although we will not likely be looking for help before October. It is important that we and the students first establish our routines before volunteers are introduced. For those who wish to help with the class but are unable to come into school, we will also be asking for volunteers to help with cutting, making play dough and other classroom preparations which can be sent home.

From the Office

Just a friendly reminder to please send back all of the forms received to me as soon as possible. Please also be sure to sign the required documents before doing so.

Art Supplies

We are looking for any art supplies that you would like to donate. Some ideas include: paper towel rolls, textured paper, buttons, glitter, straws, felt, containers (yogurt, margarine, baby food jars, etc.), googly eyes, etc. Please drop off any items to your child’s teacher.