

Junior Kindergarten September Newsletter 2011

Welcome to Jacob Beam! I am very excited and am looking forward to working with the Junior 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, *All About Me!* 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.

Our class will also begin the *Jolly Phonics* program by discussing the letters S, A, and T. Students will take home their *Jolly Phonics* books on Wednesday, September 14th. 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 patterning. We will be exploring and describing patterns found in the "real world" as well as those we have created.

Art Supplies

Our class will continuously be accepting any art supplies that you would like to donate. Some ideas include: paper towel roles, textured paper, buttons, glitter, straws, felt, containers (baby food jars), googly eyes, etc.

Show and Share

Each week our class will be focusing on a 'sound of the week'. Your child will be asked to search at home for different things that begin with that letter. Have fun! Find as many things as you can. Your child will be assigned one day every week to bring in something they found. On that day, your child is asked to bring in ONE thing they found on their search to share with the class. Their day to share each week will not change. Everyday a different child will be the STAR. They will be given responsibilities for the day such as the line leader, handing out worksheets and taking the attendance to the office with a buddy.

Snacks

Please send your child to school with one healthy snack and one drink each day.

This year Junior Kindergarten students are also invited to participate in the Milk Program.

There will be one day each month when students will be asked to pack a litterless lunch.

We have a Kindergarten child in our classroom with a severe peanut/nut allergy!!!! Please make sure that any snacks that are sent into the school to make sure they have not come in contact with nuts.

Colour Days

Each month, students will focus on learning one colour and there will be a "Colour Day". Students will be asked to dress up wearing that colour. Students will also receive a special snack. This month we will be focusing on the colour RED. This month I will provide the snack. Red Day will be on September 22th.

Open House

On Wednesday, September 14th there will be an Open House at Jacob Beam between 4:30 and 6:30. Parents and students are invited to join the staff for pizza and beverages. During the second hour the classrooms will be

open. Students are able to 'show off' some of their work and teachers welcome questions from parents.

Bus Students

Students who are taking the bus, will be picked up and dropped off by a Jacob Beam staff member.

Reminders...

1. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor running shoes that your child is able to put on independently. Shoes are worn for gym class and in an emergency we will exit the building in them.
2. Please send a set of extra clothes for your child in a labeled Ziploc bag. Please label all clothing!!
3. Please send in your child's payment for the event/memory book fund. The cost is \$20.00 (\$2.00 per month). Cheques can be made out to the school.
4. Please ensure all forms are handed into the office. Thanks!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My door is always open! *Mrs. Peters*