



Important Information for Parents of Kinders

Monthly Reading Goals

[Reading A-Z website](#)

August--Phonograms 1-26

September--AA

October--A

November--B

December--C

January--D

February--E

March--F

April--G

May/end of year--H



[Tips for Reading Aloud document](#) for ideas to help you get the most out of your Kinder's reading time!

Spalding Phonograms

Click here to download/purchase the [Spalding Phonograms App](#)

Phonograms 1-54 are to be mastered by the end of Kindergarten. The Spalding phonograms app is designed for helping students learn the phonics connection between speech sounds and written symbols that represent those sounds (phonograms).

Learning the phonograms is essential for accurate and automatic reading, writing, and spelling. We encourage students to practice their phonograms nightly using the flash cards or by purchasing the app.

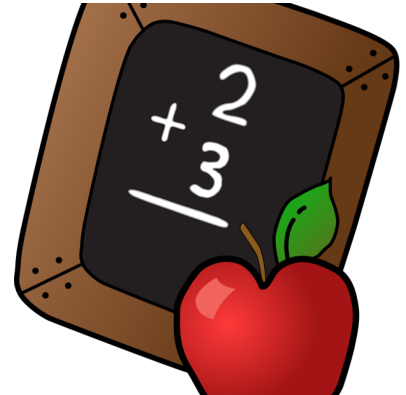
Refer to Homework Expectations document (located on this website) for more information.

Math Fluency

Kinder students are expected to be fluent in their addition facts to 10 (sums no larger than 10) by the end of the year. Math Fact Fluency will begin in September. Students will practice daily timed math drills (3 minutes). Each month, they will then take a 2-minute monthly assessment to measure their progress on a month to month basis.

Monthly Goals: # correct per month

September - 1	February - 10
October - 3	March - 12
November - 5	April - 16
December - 7	May - 20
January - 8	



Bathroom Procedures

We encourage students to use the restroom during their recess and/or lunch so they are not missing academics. They have three 15 minute recess periods and a 20 minute lunch spread throughout the school day. During independent work time, scholars will be passing a tangible item around the classroom, which is the symbol that it's their turn to use the restroom. Even if a scholar does not need to go, they will be encouraged to go anyway. Once the scholar returns from the restroom, they will then pass it onto the next scholar to use the restroom. In case of an emergency, scholars will be allowed to use the restroom as needed. As a school, students will also learn to hold up 2 fingers as a symbol to the teacher that they need to use the restroom.



Parent Volunteers in the Classroom

We welcome parent volunteers, and have plenty of opportunities for you to help out in the classroom! In particular, our Reading Group Volunteers help our classroom to run smoothly. Please read [the document that explains our expectations](#).

Specific information will be emailed directly to you, but please note the following:

- All volunteers on campus must have completed Mandatory Volunteer Training
- All volunteers on campus must have a current fingerprint clearance card on file in the front office.
- Please, if you have younger children, arrange for them to be with someone else so that your precious time in class can be used to its fullest extent.

Birthday Policy



Each teacher will decide on one afternoon recess per month that will be used to celebrate scholar birthdays that occur in that month. Your Classroom Parent and teacher will coordinate the particular recess date for the celebration. If your child has a birthday in that particular month, you will be able to organize healthy refreshments to celebrate your child's special day. However, please abide by the no sweets policy! You can refer to the Family Handbook for more information.

Each scholar will be given an "All About Me" poster to complete with their family before their birthday. On their birthday, your child will present the poster to the class and parents can come in for the presentation. Your child's lead teacher will send an email to confirm your attendance with the date and time it will be presented.

Having a birthday party for your child?

If everyone from the class will be invited (or ALL girls/ALL boys), your child may provide invitations to his/her teacher to be put in backpacks at the end of the day. If there is not an invitation for every scholar (or every scholar of one gender), the teacher will give the invitations back to scholar to take home.

If only certain scholars from a class will be invited, the invitations must be delivered by an adult off school grounds, or mailed by the parent. It is up to the child to get contact information for those he/she would like to invite or you may utilize the Fourleaf Family Directory. Scholars may **NOT** pass out invitations at school.

Field Trips

Kindergarten will go on one or two field trips during the academic year. Here are some important FAQ'S regarding our field trips:

- Your child will need to wear the school uniform.
- Your child will need to bring their backpack and homework folder, and any other school items that your child needs for a regular school day. Our academic day will continue when we return to school after the field trip.
- Pack a healthy snack for the afternoon.
- A "paper bag" lunch that can be thrown away and a disposable water bottle (clearly labeled).



- We generally return after half-day pick up, so parents of half-day scholars should plan to meet us at the school upon our return to take your child home.
- Chaperone information will be sent with the field trip information.
- Please, be sure your fingerprint card is on file before volunteering for your child's class.
- A one-time field trip fee will be collected at the beginning of the year for each scholar.

Kindergarten Teaching Team

Please click here for information about the [Kindergarten teaching team](#).

Homework Expectations

Please refer to our [Homework Expectations document](#) for Kindergarten for detailed information, instructions, and suggestions regarding your child's homework.