**Young 5s and Kindergarten**  **October 23, 2017**

**What we’re learning!**

**Phonics**

**Whole class**: This week, we’ll focus on the letter H and sort pictures that begin with the /h/sound and sort uppercase H and lowercase h as well. We will also practice identifying, spelling, and reading our sight words.

**Kindergarten**: Students will practice matching rhyming words and identifying sight words in sentences. We will also arrange words to create sentences.

**Y5:** Students will practice identifying letter sounds, sort letters and numbers, and match rhyming words.

**Reading:** Our unit this week is on “The Three Little Pigs.” We will practice retelling the beginning, middle, and end of the story as well as sequencing the events using pictures. Our vocabulary words are: **fortune, bundle, huffed, and blazed**.

**Handwriting:** This week, we’ll practice tracing and writing letters O and P, and our names.

**Writing**

We’re making progress in writing the sounds we hear in words! This week, we’ll draw and label characters from “The Three Little Pigs” and our favorite moment from our field trip to the Plymouth Apple Orchards.

**Math**

**Kindergarten:** We will learn how to compose and decompose numbers using ten frames. We’ll also learn how to identify rectangles in our environment.

**Y5:** Students will practice sorting by size, color, and shape. We will also sort leaves by their attributes and practice using positional words to describe an object’s location.

**Science**

**Kindergarten:** This week, we’ll learn about other fish similar to the betta fish and how they survive.

**Y5:** We will continue our study of trees and identifying different parts of a tree, such as the trunk and leaves.

**Social Studies:**

**Kindergarten:** We’ll begin Unit 2 and learn how to use positional words to describe a person’s or thing’s location. **Young 5s:** We will review how to identify emotions by noticing changes in body language.

**Important Dates**

* **Early Dismissal at 1:29pm on Wednesday, October 25.**
* **Field Trip Friday, October 27 9:45am-12:30pm.**
* **Parent/Teacher Conferences are from 4:20-7:40pm on Tuesday, October 24, Thursday November 2, and Monday November 6.**

**Tips/Strategies**

\*I highly recommend that your child spends at least 10-15 minutes a night reading with you. Ask your child to identify letters and sight words on each page. This will help them become a strong reader.

\*I also suggest that you practice counting 1-30 with your child and asking them to identify letters, words, numbers, and shapes in the world around them.

* If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me: **vansteel@aaps.k12.mi.us.**

**Sight words to review:**

* **red**
* **yellow**
* **blue**

 \*We’ll practice identifying, sorting, reading, and writing these words as well as making them with magnetic letters.

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