



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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Dear Parents,

We have successfully made it through the 1st term! I am so proud of our little Meerkats for all they have accomplished!

I would like to remind you that the season is very temperamental and to please send your child prepared for all weathers! I am still seeing lots of flip flops and no jackets... We will go outside regardless of what they have on, so please make sure it is appropriate!



Also, the classroom opens at 8:45 for AM class and 12:30 for PM class. If your student is earlier than that they will be asked to sit in the gym in the morning or the office in the afternoon. As soon as I am prepared for the day I will open the door and let them in. I am proud to say that each student is able to complete our Welcome Routine on their own. We have been practicing, reminding, and guiding them through it all 1st term, so please, hugs and kisses at the office door and send them in to get on with it by themselves!



All adults need to check in at the office and receive a visitor badge if they will be in the school for any reason.

During the 2nd term our big project will be writing narratives. In kindergarten this will look like story writing. We will be writing a new story each day as a class and individually. So far it has been a blast! We've written stories from dragons to robots and each day it gets better! At home continue working on using "sounding out arms" and matching letters to sounds.



We have been given licenses to the reading program Imagine Learning. Starting immediately our schedule will be changed to accommodate time in the computer lab



twice a week for the students to get through their weekly lessons in the program. Wednesday will remain the same. Friday we are going to be adding a PE block, computer lab block and an art/music block. We are very excited about having the chance to



do all these extra things and I think the students will absolutely love it!

Volunteering, the sign-up sheet is right inside my door, please come pick a time you are available to come work with us. It helps so much! Just a reminder, if you are doing book bags, please wait outside the room until 9:05 for the AM class or 12:50 for the PM class to come in and grab the books. I like to give the students who are a few minutes late a chance to get their book in to be switched. On Friday's if you are signed up to come in and help we will still use you, but if you would prefer to come on a regular day (Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday) we can make some changes.



The kindergarten team is proud to announce that we have our Kindergarten web page up and running. The link is <http://tooeleschools.org/schools/elementaryschools/mces/teachers/kindergarten> . You can find it from the district website and/or the school website. Once you're in take a look at what's there. We are always adding to it. Please check there often for anything new going on in kindergarten, especially on the calendar link.



Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns about 1st term report cards I would be happy to chat with you about it. You can email me at MMoffat@tooeleschools.org to reach me fast or we can set up a meeting for the next PTC on Nov. 28th. This is a "By invitation only" PTC so if I need to speak to you about anything I will send home an invitation or if you need to speak with me about anything let me know and we'll get you a meeting.



I would like to thank each of you letting me work with your wonderful children. They light up my world!

Love, Melissa Moffat