



Mrs. Hardiman's Kindergarten News



September 14-18, 2020

We had a great 2nd week of Kindergarten! The children are learning so much everyday. Some highlights of our week included attending Art 2x this week. We had Art on Monday on our rotating schedule and then our scheduled Art class on Tuesday, Mrs. Yonce our guidance counselor visited us on Friday. We had a week filled with learning "All About Me." The children have learned about each other and about themselves. Thanks for reviewing their phone number, address, birthday and full name.

Language Arts

Each day we choose a Star Student of the Day and focus on their letters, sounds, and words within their name. We still have many STARS to go! Please remember to turn in each star student page so we can make a fun book for each child.

We read many stories about our special names, how we are alike and different, birthdays, friends and Kindergarten.

Our Shared Reading book for the week was I Like Me. We enjoyed learning all about ourselves this week and our friends. We learned that rhyming words are words that sound the same at the end. Have your child tell you some rhyming words. Our second poem for our Poetry Book is Me.

We had so much fun making Me people. We used our school supplies to cut, color, and glue all the pieces together. These are great art projects that work on our fine motor skills. If you could take a picture of your child and their me person and submit it on Seesaw that would be awesome.

Math

We learned all about Shapes. We loved Shape Bingo especially the Skittles. The yarn shape maker was fun to create shapes. We will finish our unit on shapes this week. Look for shapes all around.

Social Studies

We have been learning all about our school rules, how to share and take turns. We read lots of stories about kindness, citizenship, and how to be respectful. We also have been learning the Pledge of Allegiance and saying it daily.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Free Breakfast and Lunch! Free meals are available for any child 18 years and younger at all HCPS locations. Monday-Thursday 7-9 a.m.: Hot breakfasts (when available) and cold lunches. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Hot lunches as well as cold breakfasts for the next day.
- HCPS buses will distribute free school meals to neighborhoods two days a week. Mondays and Wednesdays. On Mondays, buses will distribute meals for Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesdays, breakfasts and lunches will be distributed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, as well as Monday breakfast. Castle Point Road and Castle Point Lane (Echo Lake E.S., Hungary Creek M.S., Glen Allen H.S., 12:55-1:25 p.m.)
- Learning Kits-Thanks for helping your child stay organized each week with materials for the week. Please make sure on Monday morning you have the new materials ready for the week including folder with activities and bag so they can have everything that is needed. Any questions please ask. Remember that when you get Wednesday packet it is for the

following week. So this Wednesday packet pick up is for the last week of September.

- I so enjoyed the 1 on 1 Meet and Greet in Room 2 with 8 students and parents last week. We have 5 more this Tuesday and Thursday. Can't wait to see you all.
- Wednesday is Packet Pick Up 9/24 from 12:45 until evening. If you are coming for Meet and Greet Tuesday or Thursday you may pick up your packet then. This will be a school wide Packet Pick up on Wednesday from 4-6. Please pick up your packet like normal from our blue ocean animal tote/tub. Please return any folders you have at home with star student papers and notes for me. Please keep the folder with your child's work for this week in their Learning Kit. You can return that folder next week. Our PTA staff will be there helping with packet pick up between 4-6. Firesides Food Truck will be here too for Dinner if you would like for your family. They have yummy food if you are interested.
- A class directory will be coming home soon with all our friends names and numbers if you want to get together for a playdate, playground fun or meet up one day. This is a great way to get to know our Room 2 friends.
- Monday September 28 is a Student Holiday!
- Thursday October 1 is Back to School Night for all parents! This is a great night to come and learn all about your child's classroom and curriculum. This will be virtual and more info to come.
- Check out our blog <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/klhardiman/>
- Please join the PTA! They help support our school so much! The Let's Find Out your child will receive each Thursday is purchased with PTA funds. We would like Room 2 to have 100% participation! I joined and hope you will too! Check out the PTA info in your child's dolphin folder from pick up this week.
- Scholastic Book Orders are due on Thursday 9/24. if you are interested in books for your child at home and growing your home library. Class OrderConnect to Our Class Page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/HHW2L> Shop the flyers with your child: <https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=667427> All books ship to the class, and I hand them out to the kids to take home. Thank you for encouraging the love of reading! Mrs. Hardiman Class Code: HHW2LPaper order forms are in your child's new folder for this week! Check them out and only order if you are interested. No pressure just great books for inexpensive price.
- PTA is selling Echo Lake Spirit Wear if you are interested in a shirt for your child. <https://echolakepta.new.memberhub.store/store?category=2020-2021%20ELES%20Spirit%20Wear%20and%20Flare>
- We will be taking a closer look at letters this week and focusing on 2 letters each week making sure we know the letter name, letter sound, how to write it correctly and brainstorm things that begin with that letter. I thought it would be fun at our Morning Meeting for each child to share an item that begins with these letters. On Tuesday if your child could bring an object that begins with Bb and on Thursday an item that begins with Tt. Remember to make sure they are school appropriate and please do not spend too much time just something you have around your home that begins with that letter. If you cannot find something your child could draw it or find a picture in a magazine. Example Bb-ball, balloon, or beads. Tt-taco, tomato, turtle, tennis ball.
- On Friday September 25 we will share our favorite Stuffed Animal!