



Mrs. Hardiman's Kindergarten News

September 8-11, 2020



Welcome to our 1st week of Kindergarten Virtually. I hope everyone has gotten acclimated to the iPad and logging in to Clever, Schoology, and then our Class Teams Link. Please always remember to log in with your child's credentials hcps- so we know you are safe and can be added to our class. We do not want anyone to be added as a guest so make sure you sign in with your child's HCPS credentials. Questions please ask. We learned so much in just 4 days of school. We learned our school rules, had Art, Music, Library and PE and lots of fun.

Language Arts

We read many books about school!

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, Look out Kindergarten, Here I Come, and many Gingerbread Man stories including Gingerbread Man Loose at School. We can't believe that gingerbread men were running around school and then ended up at your house.

Our first poem for our poetry book is The Gingerbread Man. We will add a new poem each week. This will be a great collection of poems they can read and reread.

We began our Star Student of the Day. Each child will be chosen to be the Star of the Day throughout the next few weeks. Look forward to their special book they will bring home.

We sang songs, practiced writing our name the Kindergarten way (one uppercase letter and all lowercase letters following), learned about rhyming words, worked on phonemic awareness, and learned letter names and letter sounds.

Math This week in Math we learned all about Shapes. The children met our Shape Puppet friends, learned 3 new Shape songs, listened to stories about shapes, sorted shapes, traced shapes with our Shape manipulatives, and looked for shapes all around our house and community. We will continue this unit of study next week.

Social Studies

We learned all about our classroom rules, virtual rules and how to be a good citizen.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

• Breakfast & Lunch @ Echo Lake Elementary School Bus Loop
Among the features of the HCPS plan: *Free meals are available to any child 18 or younger at all HCPS school locations and identified bus stops. *Parents and guardians can pick up meals at any HCPS location regardless of where their student is enrolled. * Parents and guardians don't need to provide student names or I.D. numbers to receive meals.

*Families are strongly encouraged to apply for free and reduced-priced meals benefits, in order to participate after the current meals program expires Jan. 1, 2021.

Monday-Thursday from 7-9 Breakfast will be survived to families in the bus loop. Monday-Thursday from 11:30-1:30 Lunches as well as cold breakfast for the next day will be distributed at Echo Lake Bus Loop. Friday meals are distributed on Thursdays.

HCPS bus will distribute free meals 2x a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:55-1:25 at Castle Point Road and Castle Point Lane bus stop.

Take advantage of these free breakfast and lunches. Questions please feel free to ask!

* Thanks for signing up for the 1 on 1 Meet and Greet on Tuesday and Thursday 9/15, 9/17, 9/22 and 9/24. Please make sure just 1 parent and child comes to the main office and then I will meet you at the office to show you around and take you to our classroom. Face coverings are required and all safety regulations will be in place.

• If you are interested in purchasing books for your home library please order Scholastic books by Thursday September 24. You can order online or send in the catalog sheets with the books you would like and a check to Scholastic Book Clubs. We will send book orders home each month. It is a great way for us to earn books for our classroom too. If you ever want them for a gift please let me know. You will get the Scholastic Book flyers at Meet and Greet. If you would like to look ahead before then check out: Dear Family, Now more than ever it is so important for your child to have books in the home. Plus our class gets FREE books with every order! Class Order Due Date: 09/24/20

Connect 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!

PS: Feel free to forward the class page link to extended family who may want to support your child's reading.

Mrs. Hardiman Class Code: HHW2L

- Back to School Night will be held virtually on Thursday October 1 @ 6:30. Come and learn about our great Kindergarten curriculum and all of our fun in Room 2. Look for more info coming soon.
- Monday September 28 is a Student Holiday.
- Always have your child write words with pencils and color with crayons.
- Have your child work on being independent at home. Cleaning up their papers, organizing their crayons, pencils, scissors, etc each day. We want them to be independent and ready for school each day.
- Check out our blog each week! I will try to update it with all our fun activities for the week! When you come in for Meet and Greet I will ask if you are willing to have your child's picture on our blog just for our families to see.

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/klhardiman>

- We will be learning all about these programs in Clever: Smarty Ants, Lexia Core and Dream Box. If you would like your child to begin exploring please go right ahead. Always enter these games through Clever on the iPad. We will be using Seesaw a lot too so make sure you have signed in with your child's class code sheet and this we DO NOT go through Clever we click on the bowtie at the bottom of your child's iPad and then take a picture of your Seesaw QR Code and then you are in. This is a great way for me to see work. We will be learning more about the tools and activities.

*If you have not sent me a picture of your child learning virtually please do that soon. Please email it to me. Thanks for those that sent pictures.

Library News-

You will get to check out books from our library!

Hip Hip Hooray. Look for more info coming soon but check out the Library Digital Dashboard.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_236a8n-TGuiVQZ7XqFWVrvIRozE5e0WnnTQbuiBCc/edit?usp=sharing

Echo Lake Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is currently available for sale through Memberhub. Please visit <https://echolakepta.new.memberhub.store/store?category=2020-2021%20ELES%20Spirit%20Wear%20and%20Flare> to order your shirts. The spirit store will be open through Friday, September 25th. Shirts will be available for pick up by mid-October. Join the Echo Lake PTA Facebook Page for more info.

Thanks for learning the routines and expectations too! If you ever have a quick question please feel free to call after school or email me.

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