

NEWS FROM KOLKMAN'S KINDERS

Welcome to Fall! We have a new helper in our classroom, Miss Marceda. We also lost one of our students and are now at 24. We are well established in our routines and procedures and are learning in leaps and bounds!

Please check your child's bag and orange folder every evening for important notes, homework, and schoolwork done that day. If you are looking at their work papers in bag, it will show you what we are working on in class and how they did. Be sure bags are cleaned out, too! Many students' bags are stuffed with old work papers!

Reading and phonics – We are now blending letter sounds together into simple CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant). Students know what these are and practice reading and writing them every day. We have also begun reading sight words. These are words that cannot be easily “sounded out” and blended together. They have to know them by sight. The sight words sent home need to be practiced throughout the week. The next grade card sent out will reflect how well students are reading these words.

Math - We have been “decomposing,” - breaking apart numbers into 2 groups. This will lead us into addition and subtraction.

Writing – We are always working on correct letter formation, but have also moved on to sentence writing. We are learning that sentences:

- Move left to right
- Begin with an upper-case letter
- Have “finger space” between words
- End with a punctuation mark
- Has to make sense!

Phew!! We've been learning a lot and these students are up to the challenge! Please keep supporting our learning at home.

Be sure your child is wearing a warm coat every day! We will continue to go outside for recess unless the weather is really bad. Socks should also be worn each day!