

# Mrs. Markwell's Good News!



September 2, 2010

What happened this week: Jacob Deerhake, Deltin Cinotto, and Hailey Rolfingsmeyer have celebrated their birthdays in kindergarten! We would like to send out a special happy birthday wish to them! The students are learning how to raise their hands and listen in kindergarten! Ask your child if he or she has been the *super kid* for the day! I am looking for students that show great behavior throughout each day of school. Then each day a student from my class becomes the *super kid* for the day! Please continue to encourage great behavior at school! All the extra reinforcement at home is greatly appreciated!

We will be having a Box Tops Drive August 30-September 17. Simply submit the Box Tops to school in an envelope or baggie labeled with your student's grade level. The class that submits the most Box Tops will earn donuts for breakfast. Proceeds from the Box Tops Drive will help pay for assemblies and student incentives. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Save the Date! The PTA will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, January 29. All proceeds from the event will go to technology. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend.

During reading this week, the capital and lowercase letters M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, and W were introduced to the kindergarteners. The students learned how to read the word "a" in kindergarten and read the decodable book *A Present*.

We studied the terms top, middle, bottom, today, yesterday, and tomorrow in math. The students also learned the shapes and the

difference between inside and outside. Please continue to work on shape recognition at home!

The students have been introduced to many nursery rhymes. They made a cow jumping over the moon for the *Hey Diddle Diddle* rhyme.

On Friday, your child will be bringing home a "Book Treasure Bag." It is a place to keep every book we make in school that comes home. Please find a place to keep it so your child can easily find it and use it. As his/her book collection grows, encourage your child to read one book to you every day for practice at home. When we make flashcards in kindergarten, you may put the cards in this bag as well!

### **Looking ahead to next week:**

Reading: introducing the letters X, Y, and Z and learning the letter and sound "Nn", the "popcorn word" *my*, and reading the book *My School*  
Math: introduce the terms over, under, and behind, left and right, and classify things that are the same and identify what does not belong  
Learning Centers: colors

### **Important dates to remember:**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - School Improvement Planning Activities-

Early dismissal: 11:40 A.M.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Grandparent's Day- 8:30 A.M.- 10:00 A.M.

September 6<sup>th</sup> - No School - Labor Day

September 17<sup>th</sup>- Mid-term First Quarter

September 22<sup>nd</sup>- Mid-term Progress Report

I am sending home a copy of the correct way to write the letters of the alphabet. I have attached the uppercase and lowercase letters to this newsletter. You may put the letters of the alphabet in the sheet protector that I gave you at kindergarten screening. This will enable your child to practice the letters often! Please reinforce the correct way to print the letters. Thanks!

If you have any questions you may contact me. Thank you very much!  
Mrs. Markwell

