



# Monthly NEWS

## October 2021

### Important Dates

- **October 15<sup>th</sup>:** NO SCHOOL for students – district teacher professional development day
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>:** Parent teacher conferences! Please keep an eye out for upcoming information about parent-teacher conference times, how to sign up, and more!
- **October 22<sup>nd</sup> :** NO SCHOOL for students

### Reminders

- If you haven't had a chance to join our **ClassDojo** page, please do! It's a great way to see what your child is doing at school, see photographs and work samples, as well as send me messages! Your child will also be earning Dojo points that they can use to buy special treats at the Sigel Store!

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- I am available if you have questions or concerns! Please feel free to email, text, or call me at:
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## What Are We Learning?

- **The month of September was all about testing!** Students completed their first assessments of the school year, including the STAR early literacy assessments, math and English/Language Arts CFA district assessments, and baseline/placement assessments as part of our math and English/Language Arts curriculum. These assessments will help us see where our students are, look for strengths, target learning objectives for October, and see how we can group students together for better learning opportunities!
- **Reading Workshop** – Students are exploring fiction and non-fiction works, and learning about characters, setting, and parts of a book (title, author, etc.). All students will continue to daily work on building phonics & phonological awareness skills to learn early reading strategies and how different sounds are put together to make words. Some students may be working on early letter recognition, connecting letters to their sounds and/or ASL sign, and reading high-frequency sight-words both alone and in short reading-level appropriate books.
- **Writing Workshop** – Students will work on independent writing of their full name and sight-words, as well as copying or writing simple sentences with capitalization and punctuation. We will also work on upper- and lower-case letter formation and proper pencil grip and control. Soon we will begin our writing journals and collaborate on coming up with stories!
- **Math** – We will continue to work on counting using our words and signs, as well as connecting a number of objects to the right matching numeral. Students will explore recognizing, identifying, and counting with one-to-one correspondence with numbers 0-10, as well as comparing these numbers, using different manipulatives and games. First graders will also work on simple addition and subtraction problems and using strategies like drawing pictures and crossing out items to find answers.