September 15, 2017

Dear TK Parents,

This week we began our Friends and Family Unit. We discussed how every family may look different, but every family centers around love.

In math, we worked on counting to five and to ten. We learned that objects need to be lined up in a horizontal line and to touch each object when counting. We began to learn about and create ABAB patterns. We reviewed how to sort by attributes.

In literacy, we read many books about the 5 senses. We even read our own emergent reader. We counted the words and the spaces and named the parts of the book. We even learned that a good reader looks at the front cover and reads the title to predict what the book may be about. We practiced reading each other’s names and writing our own names with correct letter formation. We learned that a sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with punctuation. A period uses a normal voice, a question mark makes our voice go higher at the end and an exclamation point means excitement. We learned the color word blue and reviewed the color word red. We learned the sight words: it, is, a.

In science, we learned all about the five senses: see, hear, smell, taste, touch. We focused on touch and learned the new vocabulary: texture. We explored the various textures we have outside on our playground. We also used our senses when exploring an apple. We discussed how it looks, whether we can hear something, how it smells, tastes, and feels. We then predicted what was in the inside. We cut it open and found a star in the middle!

In our social skills lessons, we learned the vocabulary word cooperation. We discussed how important it is to work together by sharing, taking turns and helping others. We agreed that we do not like things to be grabbed out of our hands and that we should use our words instead.

We had 4th grade reading buddies on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we had Technology with Mr. Rob in which we are using K’nex. On Thursday and Friday, we had P.E. with Coach F.

We also celebrated Sophie’s and Alexa’s birthdays and had a great time.

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to help with technology, cleaning, and science. Remember you do need to get a TB test and bring the forms to the office before you volunteer. Also, before you enter the classroom, you must first sign in at the office.

It was a superb week!

**Birthdays Next Week:**

Riley- September 18th

Beau- September 22nd

**Announcements:**

1. **Homework:** 
   1. *Reading Log:* Read for 15-20 minutes every day. This reading log, which your child colors for each book read in the month of September and you as the parents sign, is due on Friday, September 29th. Please put this in your child’s purple folder the night before. If you would like an extra one or happen to lose the one that you have, you can go to the section: Home/School Connection on the classroom website: mrsbtk.weebly.com, download the form and print it out.
2. **No School** on September 21st.
3. **Scholastic Reading:** September book orders are due on September 30th. If you would like to order, please go online to <https://clubs.scholastic.com/home> and enter our Class Activation Code: NTZNM. Remember, these orders help us earn free books and resources for our classroom. I will only place the class order on September 30th.
4. **FOWHE:** Please sign up for the FOWHE Wizard Wire at <http://www.fowhe.org/home/parent-info/newsletter/>. They send updates and useful information that is going on at the school right to your mailbox. Their website is: <http://www.fowhe.org/home/> if you need any other information.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email: [benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net](mailto:benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benyaminy