



# September

## Kindergarten Happenings

September 2016

We are beginning a new year in kindergarten and gaining independence with our daily routines! Soon we will be introducing students to our new reading program "Journeys" by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. For the next few weeks we will introduce the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make with the "Lively Letters" program. We have had lots of fun introducing the "Lively Letters" as a support for reinforcing letter/sound associations. Lively letter coloring sheets will be sent home after students have been introduced to specific letters and their sound stories. Please ask your child to tell you about each letter's story and how it produces sound... ask if the letter is noisy or quiet. Use the cues described at the bottom of the coloring sheet to help your child remember each letter's corresponding sound.

### Person of the Day!

Students enjoy sharing a favorite item, from home, with their classmates!

Communication skills of conversational turn taking are focused on during this activity.

Students are also taught how to draw a person with detail!

### DEW Program

Drop Everything and Write!

Students learn specific strokes for letter formulation with the support of visual and verbal cues. Handwriting sheets can be found on the South School

Website if you would like to work on these skills at home. 😊

### Buddy Centers

Students engage in a variety of activities with their buddy teams. These centers are designed to encourage peers to share and collaborate! As these skills grow, students will learn how to develop a "Play Plan" to work together!

Our Favorite September Read-Alouds focus on Sharing, Teamwork and Respect for Individual Differences!

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? By Carol McCloud

Elmer By David McKee

Rainbow Fish By Marcus Pfister

The Crayon box that Talked By Shane DeRolf

### Dates to Remember

September 16 Picture Day

September 21 Back-to-School-Night 6:15-7:00...students are super excited!

October 5 Early Release Day 1:00

