**Wendell Smith School**
Chicago, IL

**November Issue**

# Kindergarten Classroom Newsletter

## I Need Your Help!!!

I need your help. We have been working on letter sounds. Many of the students are prepared for the next step in reading. Please continue to read with them and allowing them to read to you.

I know sometimes as a parent, we are running short on time or we just don't feel like doing it. But we should. Everything we do with our children will help them be successful in school. Isn't this your goal for your child, to be successful? Help me to continue to pull out the **GENIUS** in each of our students.

I need your help here, too!

As I am filling up my treasure chest, I am looking for you to help me find out what our students would like. So, I need to know what your child likes.

I am looking to fill my treasure chest with small trinkets that are low. Please send a list of some of the little things that your students would like.

## Weekly Sight Words

Just a quick reminder, sight words are given on a Friday. Please use this opportunity to work with our students in developing the skills needed to be excellent readers.

Working on sight words will help students become better readers. These are words that we see all the time and in everything we read.

## Attendance

Please remember that we would like for students to be at school every day. If you know your student will be out on a given day, please let me know in advance so that a work packet can be put together for that day. We know that when students miss a full day of instruction, they may miss vital skills to help them become better readers. After an absence, please write a brief note for the office stating why they were absent.

For the month of October, we had 13 students that had perfect attendance. Let's aim for 20 students with perfect attendance.

## Report Card Pick-Up

The first quarter is nearing its end. Report card pick-up is November 13, 2015. This is a no school day for students. Please feel free to bring your student with you to pick up their report cards.

As the day nears, I will be sending home the times for report card pick up. Also expect a call from me to encourage you to come. I would like to meet all of my students' parents.

## Homework

Students have daily math and phonics homework. Students should also continue reading at least 20 minutes a day.

The Homework Menu contains the weekly sight words and activities to help students be successful in class.

If you feel your student needs more practice, have your student work on writing their first and last name, writing number 1-20, creating flash cards for all of the sight words.

### Reminders to Students

- Bring your homework folder every day
- Bring your Book Buddy Book daily.

### Reminders to Parents

1. No School November 11th
2. No School November 13th
3. Report Card Pick-Up/No School for students. November 18
4. Thanksgiving Break-No School
5. Best way to reach me is by email eshaw4@cps.edu
6. Read with your student for at least 20 minutes every day.

## This Months's Educational Focus

**Mathematics Focus**

This month we will be focusing on comparing numbers and objects and measuring objects. We will continue to build our ability to count to 100, counting by 2's and 10's.

**Reading Focus**

This month we will be focusing on blending two and three letter sounds together to read words. We will also focus on letter sounds and pulling out the sounds that we hear in words.

**Social Studies**

We will continue to focus on the history of Chicago.

**Science**

We will focus on the Earth, sky, and the weather. We will learn about different land forms.

### Upcoming Events

**Picture Day- November 5, 2015**

**Veterans Day-No School**

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

**School Improvement Day-No School**

Friday, November 13, 2015

**Report Card Pick-Up**

November 18, 2015

**Thanksgiving Break-No School**

November 25-27

## Thank You!!!

Special thanks are due:

A very special thank you to the Parents that bought extra community supplies for the classroom. We really appreciate it.