



MRS. HENNEBAUL'S HOWLER



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Weekly Update

Specials for next week

- Monday—No School
- Tuesday—Music
- Wednesday—Art
- Thursday—P.E.
- Friday—P.E.

Remember to dress your child in sneakers/tennis shoes on P.E. days.



Library check-out day is every Friday. Please return books by each Friday to received a new one.



Writing: Essential Question: Who is an illustrator? We are learning to follow the steps of Writer's Workshop:

- 1) Write your name.
- 2) Think about your story.
- 3) Color a picture.
- 4) Write words.
- 5) Start again!

We've written two birthday class books, a wordless picture book based on The Red Book and Where is the Green Sheep? based on the same book by Mem Fox.

Reading: Essential Question: How can I read a book?

- 1) Read the pictures
- 2) Read the words
- 3) Retell the story

We practiced reading wordless books by making up words that match the picture and practiced retelling Where is the Green Sheep? We chose two books to place in our Read to Self bags and next week we begin the first phase of The Daily 5 (our literacy program).

Math: Essential Question: How do I make new shapes? We moved on to solid shapes (sphere, cube, cylinder, and cones). We are putting shapes together to make something new. I am introducing a new calendar notebook to practice calendar skills each day.

Social Studies: Essential Questions: What is Labor Day? We began our discussion of Labor Day, community helpers and why we celebrate with a holiday.

Science: EQ: How do I use my senses to make observations? Last week I introduced the scientific method by having them guess the snacks in the bags by using hearing, touch and smell. We will experiment with taste this week.



Things to do at home:

Review the sounds of the alphabet by saying a sound and asking your child to tell you the letter that matches your sound.

Practice handwriting, especially first and last names. Check for the correct usage of upper case/lower case letters in names. Remember to teach that almost all letters start at the top.

Practice your address and phone number!

Practice your student ID number on the keypad.

Look for solid shapes, such as cylinders and cones to send for our shape museum.



No School on Monday
Happy Labor Day!
See you Tuesday, September 4th

Field Trip Information

Mother Goose presents *Marvelous Me* on Friday. This is an in-house field trip so we won't be riding the bus or needing chaperones.

Please notice that our specials rotation has changed due to Labor Day. Our new P.E. days are Thursday and Friday now and will stay that way until we have our next day off from school.

Don't forget Hat Day Friday
Pay \$1.00 to wear a hat to school

100% of proceeds benefits SPECTRUM Autism Support Group
(www.atl-spectrum.com)

Scholastic Book Fair is coming in September

The Scholastic Book Fair will start on Friday, August 31st and continue through Friday, September 7th. The Book Fair will be in the Media Center and will be open during the school day. You are welcome to come take your child shopping. Book purchases can be made using cash, check or credit cards. **Please make checks out to Scholastic.** We can also take your child shopping for you while at school. The Book Fair carries other items such as posters, pencils, etc. Please send a note, tell us your price limit, and be specific if you send cash so we may know whether or not your child may purchase these extra items, as well. We cannot make change from a check.

Ice Cream is Here!

Starting on Tuesday, September 4th, we will sell ice cream in the cafeteria . Orders must be placed in the morning right after announcements. We will take these to the playground during recess so your child will have plenty of time to enjoy ice cream. All selections cost \$1.00 and an ice cream party for the whole class can be purchased for \$25.00 The selections are:

 KRUNCH
 NEOPOLITAN ICE CREAM SANDWICH
 CHOCOLATE ECLAIR
 STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
 CHOCOLATE COOKIE CONE
 ICE CREAM COOKIE SANDWICH
 RAINBOW FREEZE

And a monthly Mystery Flavor (announced at the beginning of each month)

Homework and reading logs



Homework begins on Tuesday of next week. Review it with your child so you can be sure they are completing the assignment correctly.

Please return the folders each Monday so you may have the weekend to finish if necessary (along with your Friday Folders). Many times the homework is merely to let you see what skills we've covered in class.

Let me know if your child is taking longer than 20 minutes to accomplish the homework assignment each night (this does not include the 15 minutes reading time). Encourage and reward real effort but please do not turn homework into a struggle in kindergarten. Let me know if I can offer some ideas if things get tough. Work at your own pace.

Reading logs are coming home on Tuesday. Please read nightly with your child and record your information. If you are reading a longer chapter book, just chart each chapter you read instead of waiting to finish a very long book.

When your returns completed homework and reading logs each week, they will earn stickers for their sticker book page. 20 stickers = trip to the treasure box.

Sight Words

You'll get colorful sight word pages home in your homework folder. You will keep the page of sight words to practice. When your child is fluent in these words, snip off the coupon on the lower right-hand corner, sign your child's name and return the coupon to me. I'll test them here at school and send home a new sight word sheet. There are a total of 100 sight words available to learn.

When your child learns to easily read these words their reading skill will increase since they won't need to spend time decoding these words. It will help their fluency in reading.

If your child is having trouble with them, just take it one-by-one and focus on one word for a week if necessary. Point it out in books, hang it on the refrigerator, spell it out with cereal pieces, sing little songs!

Then practice reading them quickly so they become automatic. 30 sight words per minute is a good goal. Anything over that will be even better!