

SAVE the DATE

A Peek At a few of our plans:

Phonics: Using class names, and the Zoo Phonics cast of characters are motivating reading activities. You may find your child shares our name cheer with you. We are working our way throughout whole class, and will celebrate and examine each child's name!

Our first unit is **"Making Friends with Letters"**. We are reviewing / introducing letter sounds and more. Our class mascot, Mabel, was introduced as a new friend in our class, and students LOVE her already. You might want to ask your child about her.

Language /Math Our focus with **nursery rhymes** continues. Students are already learning to listen keenly, and share their observations. There is great delight in our class as we read and act out these rhymes. Nursery rhymes are a great way to connect the new experience of Kindergarten with something familiar to them. [Look for your nursery rhyme book with tips for parents to support learning to come home next week.](#) (You may keep these books at home.)

Readers Workshop Our first unit is titled , **"We Are Readers"**. One mini lesson in the plans next week is to learn how to look at book thoughtfully and go beyond simply flipping through a book and saying, " I'm Done!" This first unit is mainly about learning routines, and beginning to see themselves as readers.

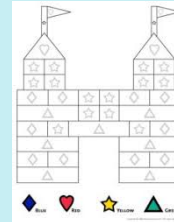
In Math counting is our focus! We also are learning many routines, and how to use various tools. We begin each lesson with an invitation to talk about math. Next week we begin the routine of sharing what we **see** and what we **wonder**. At Back to School Night I will share more about our curriculum. Please come to hear details.

What is our current Science /Social Science Unit?

Getting to know each other, making friends, and good citizenship is our major focus these first few weeks, and continues throughout the school year. Next week, we have specific lessons learning **all about our brain, and how we learn.** Stay tuned for more details!

SPECIAL DAY PLANNED!

On Friday, to celebrate completing our first weeks of school, we will be kings and queens and perhaps a few princesses or knights in the Kingdom of Kindergarten!



As part of the celebration, children may dress up . The days festivities including reading familiar poems and stories about kings and queens, creating paper crowns,

