

# Kindergarten News

September 3, 2019

I hope you all had a restful Labor Day weekend. I know I needed an extra day to recharge my batteries.

- All kindergarten students in the state of Texas are required to be assessed three times during the school year on their language and math skills.

These times are: Beginning of the Year (BOY)- September

Middle of the Year (MOY) - January

End of the Year (EOY) -April.

**Language skills that are assessed:** first sounds, letter names, phonemic segmentation and nonsense words

**Math skills that are assessed:** counting, number identification, missing number, and quantity discrimination

We will discuss the results of these assessments at our first scheduled conference. Parent Conferences will be September 23-27. I will schedule conferences before and after school and also during the day from 9:30-10:00.

Please sign the (yellow) Parent Conference 'Sign-up' paper and return it as soon as possible. I hope to send a complete schedule of these conferences by next Monday.

- On the **back of this letter** you will find our sight word list. I have added color words and number words (zero-ten).
- By helping your child become responsible for their homework each night, you are developing positive study habits that will help your child with a life time of learning. Give yourself a big pat on the back! Homework should last only 10 minutes.
- This week we will begin focusing on letter names and phonic sounds of each letter. If your child does not know the letter names and sounds, you can help them by making them aware of letters that they see in their environment. A good time to "practice" these skills are when you read with your child each night. We will also be discussing friends, families, self-awareness, feelings, and emotions.
- Please fill out and return the (blue) Kindergarten Personal Information sheet.

Thursday, September 12 - FALL PORTRAITS
---