

Dear Parents,

Just as budding flowers and leaves soon will appear to us this spring, so will our budding readers, here in Private Kindergarten. During this time of the school year, I can really notice your child's steady progress in becoming an emergent reader (each student developing at his/her own pace). A pat on the back for your child on that note! Kudos to you, parents, for your very important role in working so hard with your child in his/her studies every night.

The "Star Student of the Week" presentations have been coming along nicely and each child will have a turn at being the "star". You're invited to come in and look at the display on our bulletin board in the classroom. Congratulations to our "Star Students"!

We will be having a couple of assertion development lessons shortly. Considering that your child will be entering a new school in a few months, I thought it would be useful for the class to learn some communication tools when the opportunities arise. Also, we will be talking about safety issues (i.e.: not to talk to strangers).

Due to the tendency of the children being awake during rest time (for the most part), the children, during this time, are now able to sit at their tables and color quietly. This will also prepare the children for first grade better, since there is no rest time sessions. Also, please do not allow your child to bring in toy(s) to school. Only when he/she is assigned the surprise box is it permitted. Thank you very much.

The children have been doing a wonderful job on their Friday quizzes; they seem to really enjoy it too. The following is the studying procedure I recommend: just hide the "letter" card from your child's view and say the letter phonetically (sound). Your child will then print (correctly) the letter on lined paper. Do the same procedure for each of the letters written on the cards. When you come to the "sight word" cards, just say the word and your child will write the word on the lined paper. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to ask me. In approximately two weeks, the class will progress to rhyming words and more sight words.

This is the last month that we will be doing the "Book-It" book reports: please note that the last certificate (for March) expires May 1, 2009. Your child has been producing wonderful reports too! Please note: if your child wishes to elaborate upon his/her report, that would be great. This can be done (perhaps with parent's help) by writing a sentence (or a few words) about the book. This should be done along with your child's drawn picture of the story as well.

Well, that's all for now. Again, if you have any questions concerning anything, please do not hesitate to ask me. So, here's to a Happy Spring with budding readers!

Sincerely, Ms. Karen and Ms. Nancy