

Welcome to Kindergarten at CP Preparatory School

This year your child will learn to read!!!

We will take your child through our phonics program step by step ensuring your child the most success and building confident readers. As your child's teachers we are asking you to work together with us on this very exciting reading process.

What can I do as a parent to help my child?

1. Read your child's class newsletter every week.
2. Go over papers brought home and review.
3. Look at your child's binder that will come home periodically. The binder is our way of letting you know what we are working on in class. It is very important that you review the papers in the binder so you know what your child is learning. Please keep all paper in the binder until the semester ends.
4. Please return your child's binder on the following day.
5. Watch for your child's folder to come home daily. This is our way of communicating on a daily basis. If you need to write us a note please put it in your child's folder and we will respond. Thank you!
6. Give praise and kind words of encouragement!

Reading Process:

Your child will read approx. 3 books a week and read over 100 books this year! Please practice reading books we send home that we have introduced in class. Your child will bring home books in a zip-lock bag on Tuesday and Thursday. Please have your child read the books to you and return them so another child can share them with his/her family. Please do not write in books.

We will spend from now until Thanksgiving introducing Short Vowel Blends—meaning all short vowels associated with the consonant. We teach that 2 and 3 letters together make 1 sound. You will need to watch the Newsletters for the blends that will be introduced. We suggest each Monday that you make flash cards with the new blends and keep them in a zip lock bag for review. We will have a Phonics Test the 1st week in December. At that time your child will be able to read all short vowel blends and by adding a single consonant at the beginning they will be able to read a lot of words!! It may seem like a lot, but we promise that with our and your words of encouragement, your child will master this and become the confident reader we want! After the holiday break we will introduce all long vowel blends with the silent e and beginning and ending blends. Total phonics blends for the year will be 150.

We are very excited to have your child in our class and to be able to take them through this reading process. If you have any questions at all through the year please do not hesitate to call or write a note!

Math Process:

We will be working on the following math concepts:

1. writing numbers to 100
2. counting to 100
3. counting by 2's, 5's and 10's
4. odd and even numbers
5. tally marks
6. addition and subtraction
7. graphing
8. sorting by alike and different
9. patterning
10. telling time by hour and half hour
11. fractions whole, half and quarter
12. math language: being able to describe things using math language skills. This will help your child when they begin to read story problems.

Please do not take this list and try teaching your child everything and putting them under pressure to succeed. Please leave the teaching to us and with your help on reviewing we promise the most success!

Ms. Trout and Ms. Patterson

