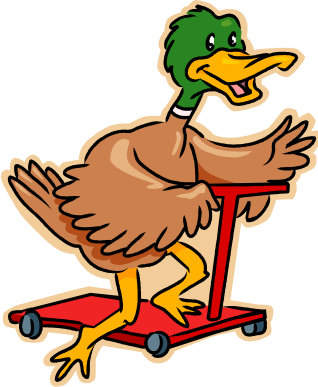


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## Kindergartners Quacking Along!

Dear Parents,

We have a busy end of the year planned, so continue to make sure your child gets to bed at a good hour and starts the day with a nutritious breakfast, whether it be at home or school. We will begin our end of the year DIBELS testing and want to see great improvement with sounding out new words.

I know many of you have been enjoying your child's journal each month. It's good to have your child read the weekly entries to you. I generally have a story starter on the board, but the students are welcome to write their thoughts on any topic. It's fun to see how they explain their weekend. I encourage them to illustrate each day, also, as the picture cues help them in remembering the words.

We are reading and writing a great deal at the end of the year and addressing new skills in math. Telling time by the hour and half hour and working with coins, recognizing dimes, nickels and pennies and adding (counting by 5's and 10's.) are all extra skills you can work on at home.

Working with flat and solid shapes, your child should be able to tell you about the shapes that are in our daily math packets, that we work on together each day. The independent practice and extra pages are yours to keep to review and reinforce our daily instruction and hands-on activities.

We just have a few letter friends whom we have not yet met. Is your child able to guess who we have left in the alphabet?. Our spelling words next week, will be in the "am" family:

jam, ram, Sam, ham, and yam

Today we had a fire drill when the students were in the library. I hope they handled leaving from a different location in a calm, quiet, and safe manner.

Enjoy the weekend and don't blow away with all this wind!

*Mrs. Swingley*