



## Dates to Remember

- 9/20 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Downes  
First visit to Innovation Center
- 9/29 Dress Down Fundraiser (\$5 is only the suggested amount)
- 10/1 – Walking field trip to Tackapausha Nature Preserve
- 10/11 – Columbus Day - School Closed
- 10/12 – Lockdown Drill 1 pm (We will discuss in a very age-appropriate way beforehand)
- 10/14-10/15 – Scholastic Book Fair

Happiest of Birthdays to Mrs. Downes (9/20) and to Heidi! (9/21)



## This and That

**\*\* Please make sure all thermos bottles are in a Ziploc. Thank you! \*\***

It would be helpful to include a small water bottle or drink with your child's snack in addition to their Thermos, especially while the weather is so warm.

## Dear Families,

Things are moving right along in Kindergarten as we begin our second full week together. Friday was a wonderful day and things seemed to start to click! We will introduce more centers for the children this week so we can keep progressing towards working independently. Once we have things down pat, I can begin to pull reading groups in October. We have been benchmarking the students in upper and lowercase letter recognition and sound recognition. I will send that information home to you shortly, hopefully by mid-week.

We will begin getting a bit more into curriculum this week. Homework will begin and we will also be sending home our first two sight words. We have put the two words onto their weekly word rings, which will be located in their book baggies. As of next week, we will ask that you add the words to their rings. Please keep their word rings in their book baggies, taking them out to practice and then returning to their baggie to come back and forth to school each day. The children's sight word notebooks will be coming home today, as well. There are directions taped into the inside cover and a sample of what to do. Of course, feel free to email me with questions if you are unsure of anything! Additionally, we will not have written homework on Wednesdays. The only thing I ask is that you make a point to sit down and read with your child. We hope this mid-week breather is helpful as life is so busy with after-school activities. Please do not get stressed over homework. Some days, your child might be a bit cranky or overtired. I get it. Just write me a note and you can always make it up on a better day. If it's a persistent issue, let's chat so we can figure out what will work for your child. I had many homework issues with my son, so I truly "get it." My daughter was easy peasy! Homework should be relatively quick and easy – a review. I do differentiate homework if the need arises. We are a team, and will work together! Information also comes home each week on Foundations, and I will be sending out a weekly video that Foundations provides in order to help explain what we are doing in that week.



Have a great week! Love, Mrs. Hayes

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## Rediscover the Sacred!



# Happy Readers!

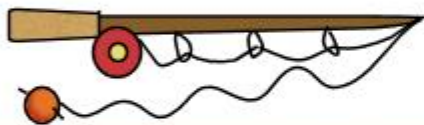
## High Frequency Words

I, am

### Amazing Words\*

twisted, tangled

\*These words are  
vocabulary builders\*



## Specials

**Monday** Music/iCenter

**Tuesday** Gym

**Wednesday** Spanish

**Thursday** Gym/Computer

**Friday** Art

Every child is  
gifted. They just  
unwrap their  
packages at  
different times.

--Unknown

## What We're Learning

**Reading:** Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.  
and John Archambault  
The Deep Blue Sea – A Book of Colors by Audrey Wood

**Comprehension:** Prediction, re-tell, text-to-self connections

**Phonics:** Unit 1, Week 1 – letters and sounds t, b, f

**Writing:** Our Pictures Tell a Story

**Math:** Counting to 5

**Science:** Sink and Float **Social Studies:** Citizenship

**Religion:** Names are Good

## Homework

**Monday** Sight word notebook "I"  
Math homework pages 7-8

**Tuesday** Sight word notebook "am"  
Math homework pages 11-12

**Wednesday** Snuggle up and read!

**Thursday** Match beginning Sounds  
Math homework pages 15-16

