



Kindergarten  
Mrs. Carson's  
Classroom Connection  
October 3, 2014

## FUN RUN

We had a great time at the Fun Run!!! It was awesome to see all the family participation & we appreciate all the donations that you've sent in. The deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

Pictures will be in the process of being posted to our website. ☺ There are lots!!!

## SCIENCE

We learned a few interesting facts about bats.

Bats are mammals.  
Bats have fur.  
Bats have wings.  
They are nocturnal (active at night).



We looked at some photographs & "clip art" of bats.

We learned more about the 4 seasons & the various types of weather during the seasons in Michigan.



This week we practiced & reviewed the alphabet letters: Ll, Mm, Nn  
We are using the terminology:  
Upper Case & Lower Case

### Blankets & Snacks

Towels will be sent home every Friday to be washed & return on Monday.

Please remember to send a healthy snack each day for our afternoon snack break.

## PAJAMA PARTY!!!



We've been working as a class to earn marbles & fill the jar. We have to work together as a team to listen & follow directions. We also earn a marble if another Doherty staff member gives us a compliment for good listening throughout the school!

WE DID IT... we filled our jar!

We took a vote to decide on our class reward.

There were 3 choices:  
Green = Recess Party  
Red = Pajama Party  
Blue = Popsicle Party

Each student took a turn at the voting station indicating their vote by coloring an index card & entering it into the secret voting box.

The next morning, we sorted all the voting cards. Counted all the votes & then made our first class GRAPH. We used many math terms as we formed the graph & compared the "data".

The students really enjoyed the process of voting & it was a great example for them to learn to take a stance in the classroom. (This is one of our social studies goals ☺)

**We are having our pajama party on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Your child is able to wear his/her pajamas to school on Monday. Please make sure PJ's are appropriate for the weather & to wear in the classroom. Students must wear shoes. They will go outdoors for recess, weather permitting & they will go to ART class in the afternoon. HOORAY!!! Ask your child to tell you all about it.**

# Morning Literacy Stations

- We started our morning “stations” this week.
- We had 5 stations this week. All focused on Alphabet letter formation, recognition, and letter sounds. All students rotated through each station (5 or 6 students per station)
- We used wooden pieces to make letters.
- We used “Magna doodles” to practice letter formation.
- We used dry erase boards to write our names.
- We used the computer and iPads to explore [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- We used playdough to roll & create letters on the ABC cards.
- Ask your child about the station activities.
- Some stations will be repeated next week & I will extend the expectations. I will also add new stations.
- Our learning goals are to practice letter formation, write our names with one capital & the rest lower case, develop confidence with naming letters & saying the letter sounds.

## FARM FIELD TRIP

Remember we are going to the Upland Hills Farm this Thursday (October 9) ☺ I will be sending a note with instructions for parent volunteers on Monday. I have to confirm a few details with Mrs. Kocher regarding the arrival & parking. I don't want to interfere with the morning “drop off” & school buses. Our class has 10 volunteers signed up... That's AWESOME!!!

Students will wear their BLUE dolphin shirt & appropriate sweatshirt or jacket, if necessary. Wear tennis shoes or boots. NO sandals or “fancy” shoes.

Blue jeans are recommended. We are going on a hay ride and picking pumpkins ☺

ALL students will need a sack lunch with disposable packaging & a disposable drink. We don't want to keep track of lunch boxes & beverage containers. . Please plan accordingly. Make sure the lunch is labeled with your child's name.



## Monthly Calendars

I hope you enjoy the monthly calendars that the children are making for you ☺ Please display them in your home & make reference to “reading” the date. We take time during our morning meeting to pay attention to the date.

We have a song for the days of the week & the months of the year. It's good for children to develop a frame of reference for the passing of time.

We're also counting the days in school.

Friday was day 23 !!!

Ask your child about our special friend...ZERO The HERO!!!

## POETRY Folders

Please review the information inside the poetry folder. Boys have a green folder, Girls have a yellow folder.

(I didn't have 27 of the same color folder with the fasteners... no big deal, we made it work)

So... I decided to go with the poetry folder, instead of the “binder” I think that I mentioned at Open House. ☺ I like to have the folders travel between school & home over the weekend.

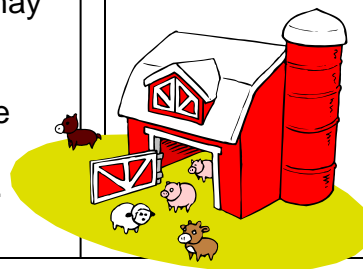
PLEASE RETURN the folder on MONDAY ☺

I have a plan for the binders that you sent in... no worries, they will be put to good use.

Please enjoy the poems. Sometimes we will do more than one during the week. I will try to insert them into the fasteners... if needed, please insert the new poem at the “back” of the pages when the folder comes home.

We've been “singing” the Big School Bus since the first week of school.

The kids love it!



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