In kindergarten we will be learning to…

Reading

- Identify all upper and lowercase letters out of order and say their sounds
- Read and write 25+ basic sight words
- Identify the front and back of the book, the title, and the title page.
- Write complete sentences with capital letters and end marks. (8 sentences by the end of the year)
- Retell and ask/answer questions about a story read aloud
- Phonics skills (beginning sounds, CVC words, rhyming words, writing phrases)

Math

- Count to at least 100
- Read and write numbers 0 - 20
- Count sets of objects 0 - 20 and match the number to the set
- Comparing sets (greater than, less than, more)
- Identify basic shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle, and hexagon)
- Correctly use directional and positional words (on, above, beside, below, under, around, in front of)
- Add and subtract up to 10

How will this be assessed?

- BOY, MOY and EOY Mclass assessments
- MOY and EOY Math assessments
- Teacher made assessments
- Teacher observations/documentation

How can you support your child?

- Read to them each night and ask them if they liked the story. Technology is great, but the kids need to handle books and see you as a reader!
- Sing songs and read nursery rhymes. This develops the ability to hear sounds in words and distinguish rhymes; two important skills for learning to read and write.
- Practice fine motor skills by coloring, drawing, and writing. Using PlayDoh and Legos strengthen the fingers and improve control.
- Help your child learn to write their name. (Capitalizing only the first letter.)
- Practice buttoning, snapping, unfastening and fastening belts, and tying shoes.

Student participation is a key component in your child's success in kindergarten. The more active your child is in everyday instruction, the more they will grasp and learn. We are seeing more and more refusal to participate with partners and in class discussions. This not only affects your child, but their partner as well. Please talk with your child about the importance of this.
Make sure to talk to your child about their day and what they learned. They just might share more than lunch and recess! :)