Mrs. Smith's Smidgens
Issue #7

October 2, 2026

Reading Inventory

A Kindergarten Reading Inventory form went home in your student's take-home folder last week. I will use this information to assist me in assigning your student's first Baggie Book which will be going home in late October. Please return the Reading Inventory to school via your student's take-home folder on or before Tuesday, October 20th.

Fall Is Here!

Remember to send your student to school with a sweater, sweatshirt, jacket or light coat. Many students were "freezing" this week at recess and/or carpool.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child and his/her progress this school year. Reminder notices will be sent directly from SignUp.com with your conference date and time. Please be prompt for your conference. Students are not to attend with their parent(s). Arrange for childcare or buddy up with a friend to watch each other's children.

Curriculum

Math: We continued to focus on Numbers to 10, especially carefully counting up to10. More careful counting next week! (Top to bottom, left to right!)

Core Knowledge: We continued studying maps and globes, even pulled down the large wall map. Next week we move to the 7 continents. (We were just having too much fun with maps and globes to start this week!)

Phonograms: I introduced k (1 sound), l (1 sound), m (1 sound) and n (1 sound) this week. Next week I plan to introduce p (1 sound), r (1 sound), and t (1 sound).

Language Arts: We focused on writing phonograms, letter naming, practicing phonemic awareness skills, making CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words and nonsense words with phonogram cards, writing CVC words and reading CVC words! We also learned more of Rule 4: Letters a, e, I, o, and u are vowels which usually say their name at the end of a word or syllable.

Read Aloud Books: Fall Is Here! I Love It! by Elaine Good and Maps! Maps! Maps! by Kelly Boswell

Important Dates

Thurs., Oct. 8th and Fri., Oct. 9th
NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appt.)
Watch your email for a. appt. reminder from SignUp.com!

Mon., Oct. 12th – Fri., Oct. 16th
NO SCHOOL
Fall Break
Enjoy!

Fri., Oct. 23rd
Catamount Institute "In School" Field Trip
All AM and PM students will attend 8:15 am – 12:15 pm.
See Page 2 for a for a few more details.

Thurs., Nov. 19th
Thanksgiving Feast
Curriculum Day
Details will be sent in early November

Mon., Nov. 23rd – Fri., Nov. 27th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Fri., Dec. 4th OR Fri., Dec. 11th
Middle of Year (MOY) DIBELS Testing (by appt.)
Sign up in November

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Written Phonogram Test
Wed., Oct. 7th

s, qu, b, e,
h and i

Taught Phonograms

o, c, a, d, f,
g, s, qu, b, e, h, i,
u, j, k, l, m and n

Sound in a Sack Week of Oct. 6th

"d"

All students will share on Tuesday or Wednesday due to Parent-Teacher Conferences!

Catamount Institute In-School Field Trip

Friday, Oct. 23rd

8:15 am-12:15 pm

This will be our 1st FRIDAY Kindergarten Class. All AM and PM Kindergarten students will attend school from 8:15 am-12:15 pm.

Weather permitting, students will have part of their day enjoying outdoor events and part of their day in our classrooms.

We will have time allotted for Snack and Recess. Please send a snack and water bottle, as well as a jacket or coat for being outdoors for a longer period than our regular school day allows.
No backpacks are needed.

Carpool will be as usual on the east side carpool line along with the 1st and 2nd graders. A parent permission slip with additional information and details, as well as a Parent Waiver Form from The Catamount Institute will be sent home in your student's take-home folder prior to Fall Break.

Uniform Reminders from the Office

Socks: All socks, tights or leggings must be white, gray, red, navy, forest green, black or brown, solid color only, without a design or pattern.

Length of shorts or skirts: 2 inches above the knee or longer

Something to Ponder

"I'm so glad
I live in a world
where there are Octobers."

Lucy Maud Montgomery, Canadian author
Anne of Green Gables

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