

Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Issue #8

October 9, 2026

Handwriting "Homework"

As stated at Parent-Teacher Conferences, no handwriting "homework" is required to be completed by your student over Fall Break. Parents may have their student do handwriting "homework" based on their family's Fall Break situation. Students may return it to school as it is completed.

Fall Is Here!

Remember to send your student to school with a sweater, sweatshirt, jacket or light coat. Please label these items with your student's name

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents, I so appreciated your time and for Conferences these last 2 days. Thanks for sharing your child with me and for helping me understand how I can best teach him/her. I enjoyed our time together! If questions or concerns related to our conference come up over Fall Break, please email me. I will reply to your email when we return to school on Mon., Oct. 19th.

Curriculum

Math: We continued counting 10 things and recognizing the numbers 6 to 10. Then we returned to our Number Books to practice 6 and 7. After Fall Break, we will finish our Number Book with 8, 9 and 10.

Core Knowledge: We studied 3 continents and colored them on a large map: North America, South America and Europe. Have you heard our continent song yet?

Phonograms: I introduced p (1 sound), r (1 sound) and t (1 sound) this week. When we return, I plan to introduce v (1 sound), w (1 sound), x (1 sound) and y (3 sounds).

Language Arts: We focused on writing phonograms, letter naming, practicing phonemic awareness skills, building CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words with phonogram cards, writing CVC words and reading CVC words. We also learned Rule 17: Usually, but not always, we double (have 2) l, f, and s following a single (1) vowel at the end of a word. Examples: will, off, miss

Read Aloud Books: Popcorn by Frank Asch, North America, South America and Europe by Mary Lindeen

Important Dates

Mon., Oct. 12th –

Fri., Oct. 16th

NO SCHOOL

Fall Break

Enjoy the season with your family!

Tues., Oct. 20th

Kindergarten Reading Inventory is due back to school

Fri., Oct. 23rd

Catamount Institute

"In School" Field Trip

All AM and PM students will attend 8:15 am – 12:15 pm.

Thurs., Nov. 12th

TCA Fall Parent

Academy

Central Campus

6:30-8:00 PM See

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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 Review #2

Thurs., Oct. 22nd

u, j, k, l, m, n,
p and r

Thurs., Oct. 22nd

Taught Phonograms

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

**Sound in a Sack
Week of
Oct. 6th
"e"**

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 was sent home in your student's take-home folder on Thursday.

TCA Fall Parent Academy

Thursday, November 12th 6:00pm-8:30pm

Central Campus

Visit this link to register as well as get information on course descriptions: [Parent Academy Information and Registration](#)

Another session will be offered in the fall.

Something to Ponder

*"No school can work well for children
if parents and teachers do not act in partnership
on behalf of the children's best interests."*

Dorothy H. Cohen,
teacher, writer and internationally known educator

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