



Mrs. Kiser/Mrs. Rowan's Kindergarten Newsletter

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Theme

This week we have been all about the farm. We learned all about what farmers do on their farms and how farms benefit our lives. We talked about how farms give us food from the fields as well as from the animals that are raised on the farms. We also talked about the things that animals give us such as wool and milk.

Our Dramatic Play area was dressed up to look like a farm and included real seeds and tools!

We planted flower seeds this week for our science center. The children did a great job and had a lot of fun getting their hands dirty.

Next week we will be learning all about Spring and weather. We will be talking about how the weather has changed now that it is Spring.

Language Arts

During Reading this week we have been focusing on our theme of farms. We learned and sang the song "Old Mac Donald." We also read the poem "What Lives On A Farm." The children did a great job singing!

In class we worked on several farm books. We read the story *The Farmers Week?* and then colored the pictures to match the description in the story.

During Writer's Workshop we have been working very hard on hearing all of the sounds in words. We have been reviewing our alphabet chart and chanting the sounds as a whole group.

Math

During the past few weeks the kindergartners have been doing more **beginning addition** activities. The children played math games during centers that focused on addition and money.

We have been doing lots of group activities and partner work in math this week. We worked on identifying coins by their shape and their appearance. We also talked about the value of each coin.

In morning meeting, we have continued to work on estimating the number of items in a jar. The children have really enjoyed this!

Announcements

- **Spring Pictures** were sent home for you to preview. Please send in payment or return pictures.
- The books that your child created and had printed will be coming home in the next few days. If you ordered extra copies those books have already been sent home.
- **Please make sure that you are sending your child's folder to school everyday!**
- We are in desperate need of more snack items. If you are able to bring some in, individually wrapped snack items are the best. Please bring in enough for 23 students. Thanks!!!!

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