

# Weekly News from Our Kindergarten Class

September 1, 2016



Welcome to Kindergarten!

We had a great first week. WOW! It was busy. The children are learning and practicing their routines. They are finding their cubbies, backpack hooks, and seats. They are also getting to know their Homework Folder System and are even putting their own papers inside.



The children got their pictures taken. (by Mrs. Smillie) We will use these throughout the year for various projects.

The children are enjoying getting to know each other's names. Our friend Hattie Pattie is helping us with this.

The Children got their hands painted, creating a very special project: "There's No One Like Me!!!".

Thank you for sending in the school supplies. Please send in the pencil box by Tuesday, if you haven't already done so!!



We have been very busy learning and practicing our Classroom Rules. We met Stan the Stoplight Man. We all want our year in Kindergarten to be special, so we can have fun, be smart, and be safe! We will work every day to be kind and help others as well as do our best to learn. We placed our Stoplight Pins on Green. This follows nicely with our school-wide Behavior Program.

The Rules have been sent home. So Please review them with your little one each night. This will help him/her internalize them so all learning objectives can be met.



Have a nice weekend!  
Mrs. Smillie



We are meeting at Classroom Meeting each day and work on our Everyday Calendar, Clip Collection, and Weather Graph. We will count each day that we are in school. We are learning new songs and chants to help us with these concepts and get to know each other.

This first week was VERY exciting as we entered the New Hopewell for the first time! All the students participated in Orientations throughout the building. We are all Pouncer's Pals. (Our school Mascot-The Mountain Lion). WE are all learning to be Respectful, Responsible and Ready! We are learning and practicing what this looks like! Each child received a Passport as he/she went through each training. The Passport was stamped. The children drew a picture inside. These Passports went home for you all to sign and return.

Each child has his/her own spot on a Pocket Chart to collect "PAWS" for a special reward (to be explained later).



Books we read:

The Kissing Hand  
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten.  
I Like Me!  
Pete the Cat School Shoes



We went on a fun "hunt" to look for Pete the Cat. We visited all our Specialist classrooms, office, and Nurse's office. We didn't find him but "it's all good". Later, Pete showed up in our classroom! YAY!