

Kindergarten News!

“Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving God’s Children”



September 4th, 2018

Dear Parents,

What a great first few days we’ve had in Kindergarten! It has been filled with fun, friends, and learning. They are each unique in their own special ways and we have been learning how each of us are special to God no matter what. I’m sure you’re hearing a lot of information coming home about their day. If you hear of problems ask how your child handled it. That lets them know you think they are capable of dealing with it. Ask about the good things that happened too.

Next Thursday is Photo Day for Kindergarten, remember to return the form or do it online. Please let me know if you have a preference of background, and remember to dress them the way you want for pictures!

We began our “Writer’s Workshop” last week. From the very beginning we expect them to put their stories down on paper, even if this is just with a drawing. You will be amazed how quickly many will begin labeling and even writing their stories down. Help make them think of themselves as writers, even if they just put down random letters or squiggles. This is a beginning! Often times children who begin with wavy lines for print ended up writing full three page stories with many sentences you could read! Find ways at home to get them to write, like letters to grandparents, lists, or thank yous.

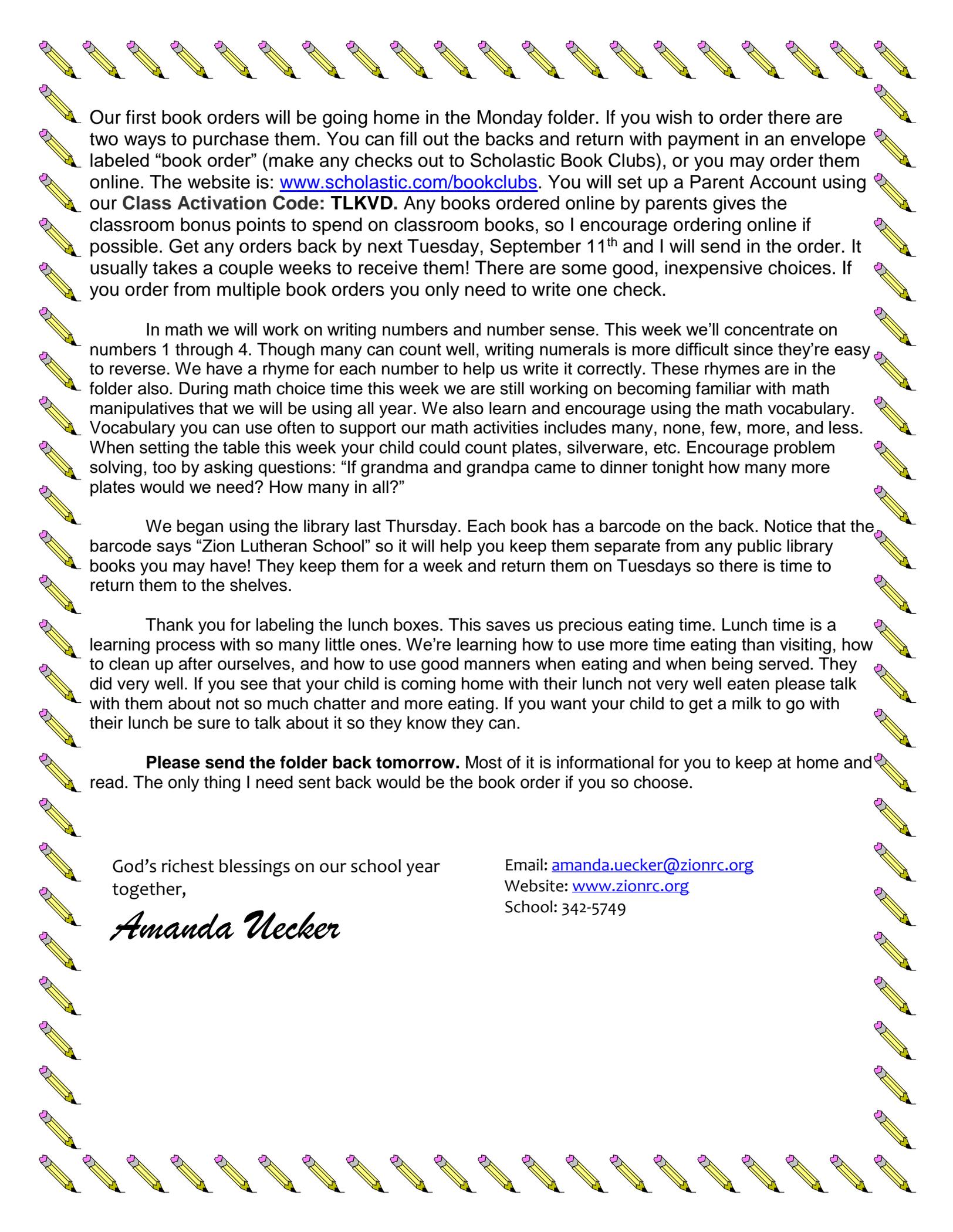
This week we will really work on writing our names with lower case letters. Have them practice at home on the paper in the take home folder. Most letters begin at the top and work down. I put a paper in the folder so you can see how we’ll be making each letter. Notice how they hold their pencil, and gently correct finger position if needed. Next week we’ll begin with the letter “Aa”, but this week we’ll emphasize that words are made up of letters put together. We’re using each other’s names to learn many things about letters, noticing which letters are tall, which short, and which letters go “in the basement” (below the stop line, like g).

Our Bible lessons this week continue with God’s creation of the world. Later in the week have them sing “God Created” for you. We’re making a little booklet to go with the song and will send it home soon. Our memory verse this week is Psalm 100:3- *“Know that the Lord, He is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.”* We will spend more time on Genesis 1:1, also. Thanks for using the Bible verses with your children at home, too. An offering envelope is in the folder each week. You can use this for chapel Wednesday if you would like! This month our offering goes to Lutheran Educators Association in Houston for the Hurricane relief in their schools. Most weeks we will bring home a sheet with the Bible lesson on the back and a color picture on the front. You could put these in a binder so they have a Bible story book to keep!

We will begin having Show and Tell this week, so look on your magnet or on the website to remind yourself when to send something to share. Help them think of one or two things to tell about it. They will get their first Book Buddy Bag this Friday. I hope they enjoy it. Return it anytime this week before Friday to receive a new. Those who have theirs back will check out a new one each week.

We are learning about our senses this month, with many fun activities and videos to help us learn about how people use the senses God has given them. This week we emphasize our gift of sight. We will play a memory game, trying to remember all the things on a tray, and figuring out what has been removed. You could play this at home too.

(Turn Over)



Our first book orders will be going home in the Monday folder. If you wish to order there are two ways to purchase them. You can fill out the backs and return with payment in an envelope labeled "book order" (make any checks out to Scholastic Book Clubs), or you may order them online. The website is: www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. You will set up a Parent Account using our **Class Activation Code: TLKVD**. Any books ordered online by parents gives the classroom bonus points to spend on classroom books, so I encourage ordering online if possible. Get any orders back by next Tuesday, September 11th and I will send in the order. It usually takes a couple weeks to receive them! There are some good, inexpensive choices. If you order from multiple book orders you only need to write one check.

In math we will work on writing numbers and number sense. This week we'll concentrate on numbers 1 through 4. Though many can count well, writing numerals is more difficult since they're easy to reverse. We have a rhyme for each number to help us write it correctly. These rhymes are in the folder also. During math choice time this week we are still working on becoming familiar with math manipulatives that we will be using all year. We also learn and encourage using the math vocabulary. Vocabulary you can use often to support our math activities includes many, none, few, more, and less. When setting the table this week your child could count plates, silverware, etc. Encourage problem solving, too by asking questions: "If grandma and grandpa came to dinner tonight how many more plates would we need? How many in all?"

We began using the library last Thursday. Each book has a barcode on the back. Notice that the barcode says "Zion Lutheran School" so it will help you keep them separate from any public library books you may have! They keep them for a week and return them on Tuesdays so there is time to return them to the shelves.

Thank you for labeling the lunch boxes. This saves us precious eating time. Lunch time is a learning process with so many little ones. We're learning how to use more time eating than visiting, how to clean up after ourselves, and how to use good manners when eating and when being served. They did very well. If you see that your child is coming home with their lunch not very well eaten please talk with them about not so much chatter and more eating. If you want your child to get a milk to go with their lunch be sure to talk about it so they know they can.

Please send the folder back tomorrow. Most of it is informational for you to keep at home and read. The only thing I need sent back would be the book order if you so choose.

God's richest blessings on our school year together,

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