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# Kindergarten

**Rooms 117 and 119**  
**Mrs. Day and Ms. Mei**

## **September News**

Gym Days- 117: Wednesdays On gym days students should come dressed in their gym shirt and gym shoes  
119: Mondays

### Behavior

At the start of the year, we will focus on appropriate classroom behaviors and expectations for learning. Students are working on following rules, active listening, following directions quickly, staying on task, being polite and kind to classmates, and putting forth best efforts. Please check your child's behavior chart daily and be sure that it returns to school in their red folder every day.

### Reading

We begin our year with an "All About Me" unit to help students get to know each other and build community in the classroom. We are also focusing on alphabet knowledge including identifying, writing, and matching letters to sounds. We are working on print concepts, phonemic awareness, blending sounds to read words, and reading behaviors. This month we also start to work on identifying key details from a story, such as characters and setting.

### Writing

The first thing we focus on is including details in pictures that we draw. We are learning how to label pictures using letters and words. Soon we will begin to write narrative stories that focus on one event.

### Math

We are focusing on identifying, writing, sequencing, comparing, and counting numbers. We will be learning about position words that name location (on, above, under, etc.).

### Reminders

Please check your child's folder daily and be sure that it returns to school each day. There are always important communications going out with the homework. Please submit all fees as soon as possible. Also, please make sure you are completing the monthly reading log and submitting it by the first of the next month.

### **Important Dates-**

Open House-9/26/16