Hello parents,

What a successful second week of school! This week we officially started using our kindergarten curriculum and the children had such an easy transition. We also started giving out homework. The children each shared their About Me Bags and it went so well! We loved getting to know a little about them.

In language arts and reading we started with week 1 of 3 of Start Smart. Each week we have an essential question and all of our stories and journal writing have to do with this question. This week was "How is everyone special?" As a class we discussed that we look different, we can do different things, and that is what makes us special. The two small stories we read were "I Am Special!" and "Look at Me!" The letters we went over were A-H. We read the story "Animals in the Park an ABC book." We wrote a lot in our journal using our high-frequency/sight word of the week I. The children completed sentences like "I like $\qquad$ . I have a $\qquad$ . I am $\qquad$ ." Next week we will continue with week 2 of the start smart of our curriculum.

In math, we began with Chapter 1. This week we completed lessons 1.1-1.5. We discussed the numbers 1-5. Students learned about a five-frame, using counters and cubes to model the numbers. They learned how to correctly write the number and identify the number words. Next week we will continue with lessons 1.6-1.9. Our Chapter 1 review test will be Wednesday 9/7 and the actual test will be Thursday 9/8.

For science and social studies, we alternate the lessons. This week was social studies. Students were introduced to the Social Studies Buddies. They taught us about calendars, days of the week, and schedules. We spoke about the timeline of our lives and how people can change over time. This was perfect because we were able to see their baby pictures in the About Me bags and we discussed how the children look different now. Next week will continue with social studies.

Thank you for checking your child's homework daily and bringing your child on time for school. Remember we are just a message away if you have any concerns!

We wish you a beautiful weekend, Ms. Adriana and Mrs. Nisha

