Greetings:

It was a great week on Team Monster! Thanks for all the support from home!

This email includes information about:

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**This Week’s Learning Focuses**

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| **Centers:** | **Learning Goal:** I can print uppercase and lowercase letters. | | | | | |
| We continued our Letter of the Day series of Centers. Each day we focus on a letter, how to form the letter, the letter sound, words that start with that letter, this week was Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj | | | | | |
| **Reading**  **Workshop:** | **Learning Goal:** I can follow print from left to right and top to bottom | | | | | |
| We focused on how to read with a partner, finding the book we wanted to share, why we want to share it, and with whom we want to share it. We completed our first unit of study and are going to now start our Emergent Storybook unit. | | | | | |
| **Writing**  **Workshop:** | **Learning Goal:** I can express my thoughts, feelings, and ideas | | | | | |
| We began our preparing for personal story writing unit, we read books by many authors and thought how did this author share their personal story. This work lays the foundation for the writing we are going to do in the upcoming unit. We started our writing process – think, picture, say (across our hands), sketching, writing or story. | | | | | |
| **Math Workshop:** | **Learning Goal:** I can name shapes. | | | | | |
| We continued working with shapes and their attributes and introduced positional words. We also continued to work with patterns, counting a set, and number writing. | | | | | |
| **Science:** | **Learning Goal:** I can draw about what I observe. | | | | | |
| We worked on sharing our notices and wonders this week and will start our science stations next week. | | | | | |
| **Word Wall Words** | Current Set: | she | they | we | go | was |
| Next Set: | had | and | for | his | her |

**Homecoming and Tailgating Celebration**

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to all the families that made it out for the parade and tailgating celebration on Friday! It was great seeing so many monsters running around and having a wonderful time. Go Eagle Pride!

**Tollgate Field Trip**

Friday, October 23rd is our first field trip. We are heading to Tollgate Farm Center in Novi. Permission slips went home this week and all of our chaperone slots have been filled. Slips are due this upcoming Friday, October 16th.

**Half-Day Dismissal**

This upcoming Friday, October 10th is a half-day for students and we dismiss at 11:16AM.

**Fall Conferences**

If you have not yet signed up for a Fall Parent-Teacher Conference please use the following link to do so: <http://goo.gl/FY5Ibl>

**Fall Festival at Kennedy**

This upcoming Saturday, October 17th Kennedy will be hosting the District-wide Fall Festival from 11:00AM-3:00PM. I plan to attend from 11:00AM-12:45PM and am hoping that Team Monster can make a good showing. If you haven’t been it is a ton of fun. There are games, and bounce-house type activities, craft projects, food, a haunted hallway, face painting and more. Everything operates on a ticket system. Hope to see you there!

**Book Orders**

October Book Order packets went home last week. Please consider ordering books from Scholastic and getting our classroom free books for classroom library.

**PTA $5 Fundraiser**

A flyer went home this week regarding the PTA’s $5 Fundraiser. The $5 fundraiser is a simple idea:  students ask the people in their lives to donate $5 to the PTA, and all those little donations add up and help us support you!  Many of our families asked last year if we could do something simple like this instead of selling from a catalogue, or pizza kits or salsa, etc.  So we are trying this out! Top fundraising class wins a pizza party and students that participate are eligible to win prizes as well.

**Allergy-Safe Lunches**

Thank you for all the parents that have contacted me regarding their support of allergy-safe lunches! If your family is also interested in committing, please let me know.

**Transportation Notes**

If you are changing your child’s method of transportation (from pick-up to bus, or bus to latchkey, etc.) please contact myself via email, paper note in School-Home Folder, or contacting the office. It is difficult to take the word of a 5 year-old (sometimes they just want to go where their friend is going) so, please just send me a quick note.

**Gleaners Food Drive**

First Grade is hosting a food drive for Gleaners Food Bank. The Drive will run from November 2nd to the 12th and the class that donates the most goods, will win a special prize from Mrs. Keefe. If you don’t know this, I am very competitive and I like to show that kindergarten monsters may be small in body, but are huge in heart! More information to come.

**Important Dates**

Below are the Dates to Remember Please review:

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| **Day/Date/Time** | **Event** | **Comments** |
| Tuesday, October 13th 6:00-8:00PM | PTA/CoolRoc Meeting | At Coolidge |
| Friday, October 16th | Half-day for students | Dismissal at 11:16AM |
| Friday, October 16th | Tollgate Farm Permission Slip Due |  |
| Saturday, October 17th | Fall Festival | 11:00-3:00PM at Kennedy |
| Friday, October 23rd | Tollgate Farm Field Trip | Details to come |
| Friday, October 23rd | Paper Book Orders are Due | Online Orders Due 10/25 |

As always please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Talk to you soon.

Mike :)