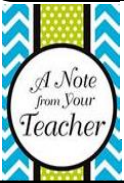




# Forestville CSD

## UPK: October Newsletter



Our school year has gotten off to a wonderful start! The children are settling into the routine, making friends, and enjoying their day at school. We can't thank you enough for trusting your little ones to our care and want you to know we are truly grateful to have them in our classroom! We look forward to a fun year full of learning as we watch your child blossom and grow each day.

### Your Child's Belongings

Please label everything your child brings to school. This includes backpacks, sharing items, and all clothing including jackets, boots, hats, etc.

Personal Toys are not allowed in school unless it is for Show and Share or requested for an activity.



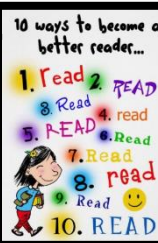
Buddy Bear is our class bear and each Friday he will go home with a friend. Buddy is so excited to visit the homes of each one of his classroom friends. Buddy likes to have fun! Take him with you when you go places. Let him join you when you read a book, play a game, bake cookies, and spend family time together!

Included in Buddy's backpack will be a journal where your child can record the fun Buddy had with your family. One of Buddy's favorite pastimes is journaling and this is a chance for him to share this love with you. Directions on how to complete the journal will be included. When Buddy visits you, please remember to bring Buddy back to school on Monday so your child can share their adventures during story time or at the end of our day!



### October Snack

**Zip Lock Baggies:** gallon



### October Scholastic: A Few Recommendations

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman

If You Give Pack by Laura Numeroff

Early Concepts Pack

Pete the Cat Five Little Pumpkins by James Dean

David Goes to School by David Shannon

Lily's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

Classroom Community Builders Pack

If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School by Elise Parsley

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein



### Sorting



This month we will begin to sort just about everything in our classroom. We will sort by color, size, and shape. Part of building strong math skills is developing the ability to sort and organize materials so they can be easily counted, categorized, added, and divided. Sorting promotes children's ability to organize the items in their world so they make sense and are manageable.

Ideas for your home: Allow your children to sort eating utensils (forks & spoons), socks, loose change, recyclables, etc. and we're sure you will definitely enjoy the extra help around the house as well!



### FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION MONTH

Fires kill more Americans every year than floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes combined according to the National Fire Incident Reporting System. What can you do to keep your family safe?

1. Teach your children never to play with matches, lighters, or any flame producing equipment.
2. Familiarize your child with the sound of the smoke detector and instruct them on what to do when it goes off. Practice this monthly and every time your cooking causes it to go off! (If you dismiss it because of cooking, there's a chance your child will dismiss it in the middle of the night thinking you are just cooking.)
3. Practice stop, drop, and roll.
4. Remind your child not to hide and fire fighters are their friends.
5. Have smoke detectors on each floor in your home & one outside every bedroom.
6. Change batteries in smoke detectors twice a year.
7. Have an escape plan and practice it. Ensure you have a "safe meeting place" outside.



A Big Thank You to all the families for your donated materials this month!

Thanks so much for ordering books through Scholastic. This month we earned 1300 bonus points to spend on new books. Happy Fall!

Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. O'Connor

