

River Bend Elementary

Kindergarten Orientation

2021-2022

Mr. Major, Principal

Ms. Morgan, Assistant Principal



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Kindergarten Teachers and Instructional Assistants:



Mrs. Dana Lamm & Ms. Achar

Mrs. Jordan Manning & Mrs. Bassma Alwash

Mrs. Shamora Koonce & Mrs. Rebeca Gonzalez

Mrs. Valerie Minervini & Mrs. Darlene Smith

Mrs. Denise Lazarczyk & Ms. Nataly Andrade

Mrs. Siobhan Scappino & Mrs. Porsha Anyoka

Mrs.Scappino and Mrs.Anyoka



Mrs.Scappino



Mrs. Anyoka



From Little Seeds Grow Mighty Trees

Mrs. Lazarczyk and Ms. Andrade



Mrs. Lazarczyk



Ms. Andrade



Mrs. Minervini and Mrs. Smith



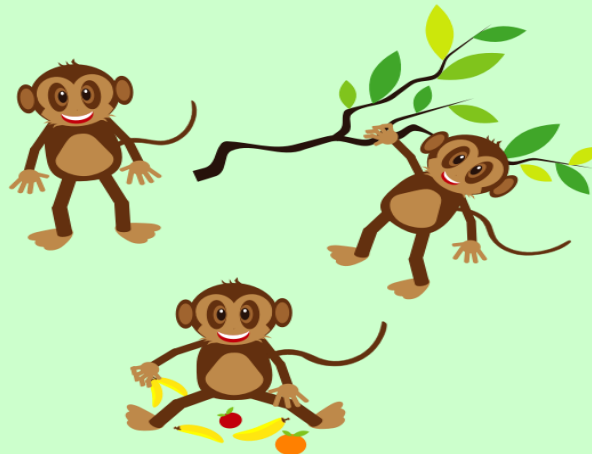
Mrs. Minervini

Mrs. Smith

Mrs.Manning and Mrs.Alwash

Mrs. Manning

Mrs. Alwash



Mrs.Lamm

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Mrs.Koonce and Mrs.Gonzalez

Shamora Koonce

Mrs.Gonzalez



Ms.Lee



Ms.Lee is our amazing School counselor. She works with our team to teach Social and Emotional skills. Ms.Lee always reminds us to breathe.

Working with Students at Home:



- Parents help with homework
- Read 15-20 minutes each day/night
 - ask student to retell the story
 - ask about characters, setting, beginning, middle & end
- Have students play simple counting and number recognition games,
- Discuss colors and shapes, work on puzzles

Immunizations, Kindergarten Health Assessment (KHA), and Medications

- The parent, guardian or responsible person must present the required written proof of immunizations AND the required kindergarten health assessment form to the school. The child CAN be excluded from school if proof is not provided within the first 30 days of school. If you have any questions about your child's immunizations please contact the school prior to the start date.



Medications can be administered at school ONLY if a Physician Order for Medication form, 1702 is completed, signed by the physician and parent and is in the school office with the medication.

Wake County Health Services @ (919) 212-7000

Please contact our school nurse for health concerns and pre-existing conditions. Contact information: Karin Tooke ktooke @wcpss.net or 919-302-5527

Kindergarten Supply List

**1 backpack (school sized, not a small backpack) A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

3 boxes of 24 count of crayons (preferably Crayola) 6 glue sticks

4 - **2 pocket plastic pronged** plain pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green)

2 packages of white copy paper

3 **composition** notebooks (not spiral)

1 pack of index cards 3 by 5

1 pair of child Fiskars scissors

1 package of #2 yellow pencils (preferably Ticonderoga, USA Titanium or Dixon brand)

1 pack of large early writer pencils

1 package of large erasers

1 clipboard

1 package of dry erase markers (preferably Expo brand)

2 boxes of Kleenex

1 box of quart size Ziploc bags (one zip) 1 box of Gallon Size Ziploc bags (one zip)

2 pack of Clorox wipes



Parent/Teacher Communication:

We strongly believe that we are a team and we participate in two way communication with families in the methods below.

- Check Daily Folder
- Weekly Folder
- Classroom Monthly Newsletter
- Email
- Scheduled Conferences
- Weekly Principal Phone Message
- Talking Points App
- Phone calls



A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener!

- Morning Work
- Morning Meeting
- Literacy Block
- Lunch
- Recess
- Literacy Block
- Specials
- Writer's Workshop
- Math Block
- Science / Social Studies
- Dismissal



Kindergarten Curriculum

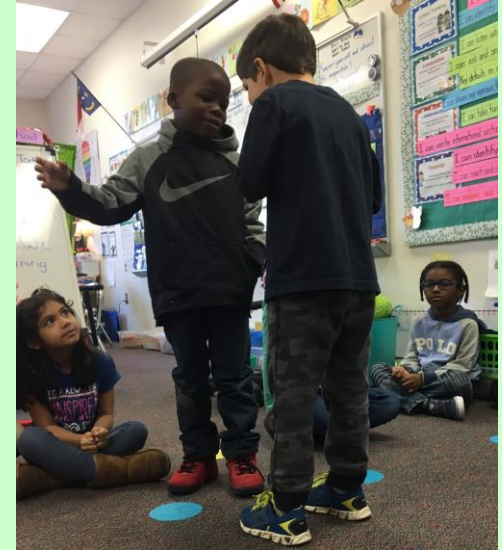
Science

- Animals(how they move, live, comparing and contrasting animals)
- Weather (comparing seasonal changes, how does weather affect our life?)
- Properties of Common Objects
- Force and Motion (types of movement)

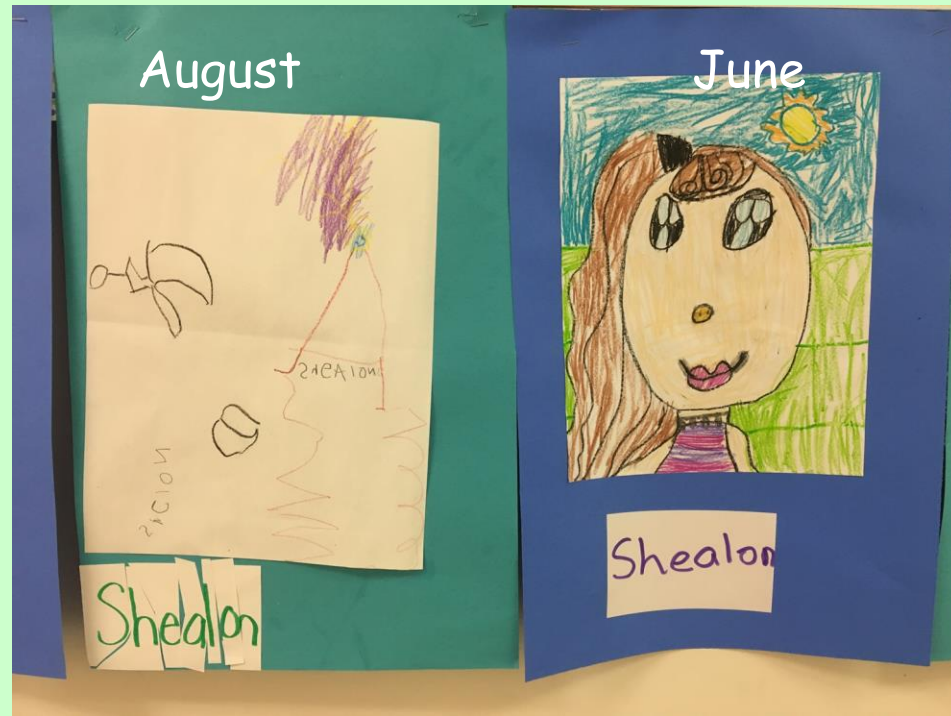


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Social Studies



- Civics and Government (Citizenship, classroom community, rules, fair play and friendship)
- Geography- (maps and globes, how humans use and interact with the environment)
- History/Culture (Differences and Similarities in culture and individuals, Change over time)
- Economics (jobs, needs and wants)

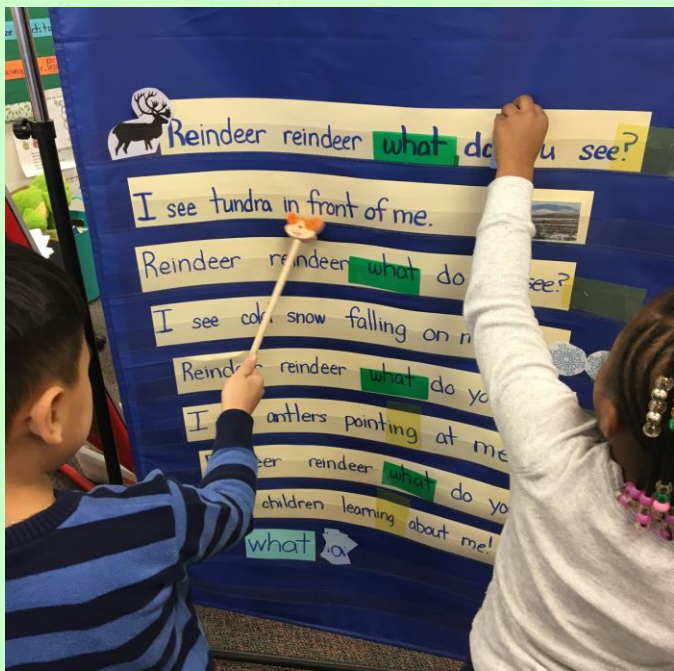
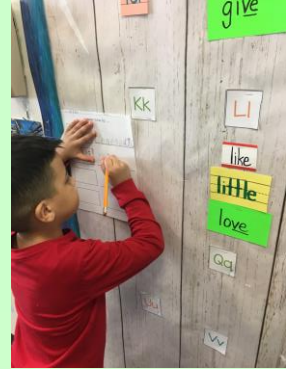


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Literacy

Common Core Curriculum

- Letterland (phonics program teaches letters, letter sounds, Phonemic Awareness and how to read).
 - Print Concepts (awareness of print, knowledge of how books work)
 - Sight Words
 - What is nonfiction and what is fiction (story structure)
 - Reading Emergent Texts (simple patterned books with decodable words)
 - Writing Process (brainstorming, writing, editing)
- Genres your child will write-
- Narrative
 - Informative
 - Opinion



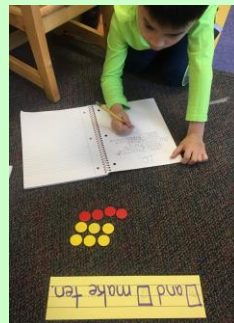
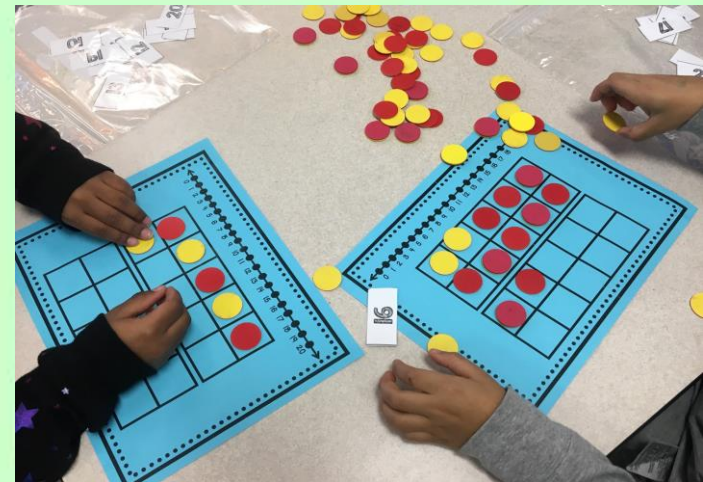


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Math

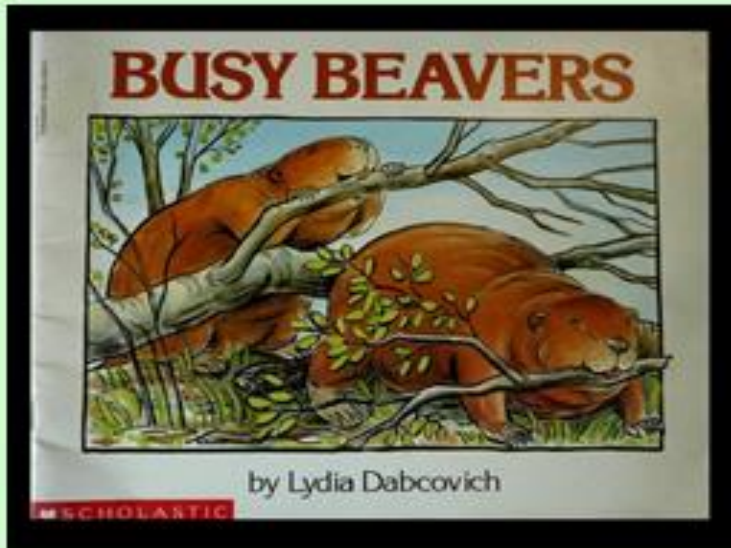
Common Core Curriculum

- Rote Counting (counting up to 100)
- One to One correspondence
- Identifying, comparing and composing shapes both 2D (flat shapes like a square or triangle and 3D shapes such as cubes and spheres)
- Adding and Subtracting (fluent in math facts to 5)
- Solving math word problems
- Decomposing and composing numbers (examples- 7 is made up of 5 and 2, 13 is made up of a ten and 3 extra ones)



I will be explaining the importance of print concepts when reading to young children. One concept is introducing the parts of a book to students. The parts of a book consists of the front cover; where students will find the title. the importance of the back cover as well as the spine.

Print Concepts

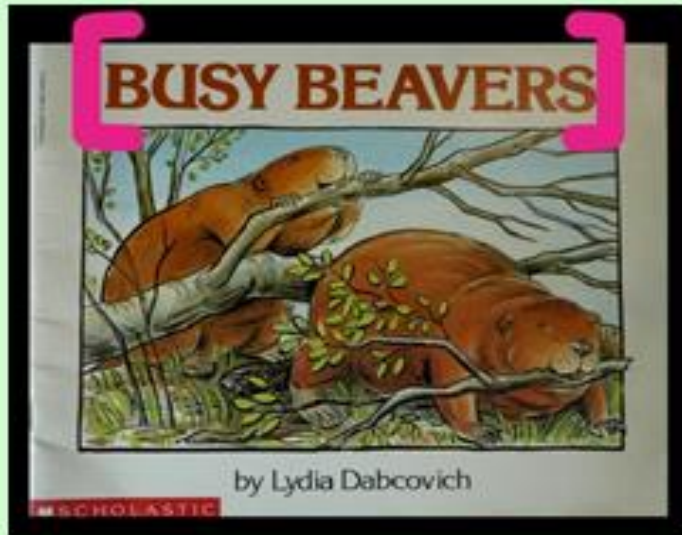


Front of the book



Back of the book

Print Concepts



The title



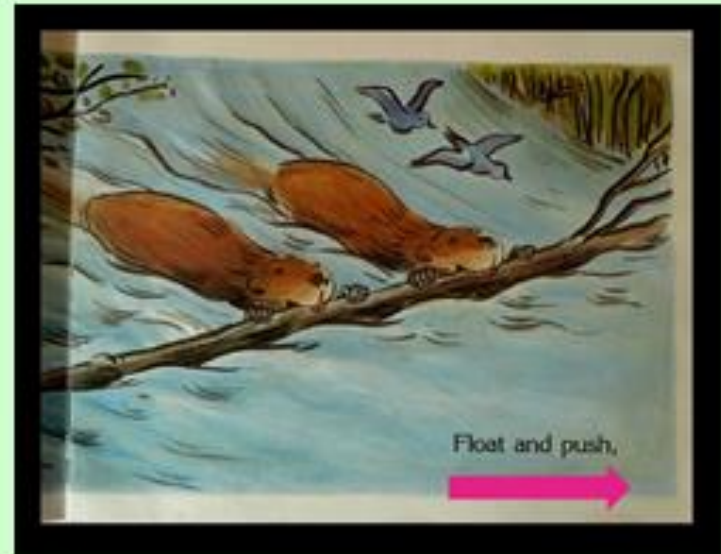
Print carries message

The teacher introduces the title page and make sure students know where to locate it in a text.

Print Concepts



Where to begin
reading



The direction
to read

Other print concept focuses are knowing the title of the book, explaining that print carries messages, where they should begin reading in a text and have an understanding of the direction to read. Teaching students an understanding of print concepts are early learning skills to great readers!

The Importance of Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Stay informed.

<http://www.riverbendpta.org/>

Build Relationships.

We want to build a sense of “community”

Participate.

All Kindergarten parents are invited to apply for a position on our PTA Board.





Ways To Prepare Your Child for School

Work with your child on the following:

Literacy Skills:

- Listen to stories without interrupting
- Recognize rhyming sounds
- Recognize and respond to his/her name
- Identify some letters and sounds
- Identify some parts of the book (ex. front, back, title)
- Read with your child everyday!

Math Skills:

- Trace and identify basic shapes
- Count to 10
- Count objects
- Identify numbers 1-10

Behavior Skills:

- Pay attention for short periods of time to adult-directed tasks
- Begin to share with others
- Listen and follow 3 step directions
- Take care of bathroom needs
- Take care of clothing needs
- Speak in complete sentences

Fine Motor Skills:

- Cut with scissors
- Hold a pencil
- Color with a crayon
- Use a glue stick
- Write your first name

