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August 16, 2013

**Notes from Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Wheeler…**

This has been a very busy first full week of school!! We have had a great week getting to know your children. They have worked very hard meeting new friends, teachers, counselors, administrators, and bus drivers. If they seem overwhelmed that is normal!

We have been reading many books about the beginning of kindergarten including; Mrs. Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, Tom Goes to Kindergarten, and our most favorite Alphabet to the Rescue!.

We read Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes this week and discussed our names. We made a graph of how long our names are and recorded our observations. We will be working on writing our names with the correct upper and lower case letters. Help your child to remember to only capitalize the first letter in their name.

Thank you for checking the agenda books every day! This will be my main form of communication. I will also be recording your child’s behavior there each day. Please, please speak with your child about listening and following directions the first time. Our behavior is improving and with your help I know it will get better each day! We will talk about the behavior plan in our room on curriculum night.

Thank you for all that you do with your children to make Kindergarten a success! Have a wonderful weekend!

**You may email me at denise\_dennis@gwinnett.k12.ga.us**

Mark Your Calendar

8/16 TONIGHT!! 6:00

Trivia Night in the Cafeteria Hope to see you there!

8/20-Room Parent Meeting

8/22-Curriculum Night

K-2nd @6:30 p.m.

8/23-School Spirit Day

(Order your Spirit Wear

on the PTA Website!)

8/29-Curriculum Night

3rd-5th @6:30

\*Check out [www.starlingpta.org](http://www.starlingpta.org) for more information



Specials

See your Star Notebook for the Specials Schedule.

\*\*Mrs. Whitmer, our Art teacher, needs clean baby food jars and their lids for a project in Art. If you have any would you please send them to school with your child.

**Color Days**

8/26 Wear Red

8/27 Wear Yellow

8/28 Wear Blue

8/29 Wear Orange

8/30 Wear Green

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AKS Highlights and Suggestions For At Home Practice

Math

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them 4. Model with mathematics 5.Use appropriate tools strategically MCC.K.CC.1. Count to 100 by ones and by tens. MCC.K.CC.2. Count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence (instead of having to begin at 1). MCC.K.CC.3. Write numbers from 0 to 20. Represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0-20 (with 0 representing a count of no objects

MCC.K.CC.4. Understand the relationship between numbers and quantities; connect counting to cardinality.

\*Practice counting to 100 by 1’s (Try starting at 10 or 3 or 12)and 10’s. Count different objects in your home and then writing the number.

Language Arts

-Listen attentively to and respond to questions and to follow two-part directions (GPS, CE) (KLA\_A2009-1)

\*Read a recipe with your child and then have them help you make something, read or tell a story to your child and have them answer questions throughout and after the story, play an audio book in the car and ask them questions about what they heard

Social Studies

7. Model good citizenship

\*Talk to your child about what it means to be a good citizen at school and at home. Ask your child to tell you the Starling School/classroom rules. Read books or make up stories about children making good choices and being good citizens by following the rules.