

October 13, 2006

## What Are Molecules Learning?

October 10 - 13, 2006

### Math Workshop:

- Counting 1- 20
- "What Do You Notice?"
- What makes a pattern?
- Creating patterns: sound and movement.
- Identifying patterns: AB, AAB, ABB
- Number recognition 11 to 20
- Counting backwards by 10

### Language:

- Recognizing and practicing the letters /g/ and /n/
- Story elements: setting
- Popcorn Words: see and go
- Handwriting: sorting letters: straight lines, circles, and slanted lines
- Rhyming words: \ag\ and \at\
- Read Aloud: Because of Winn Dixie by: Kate DiCamillo... *Winn Dixie and Opal make new friends.*
- Poetry Journal: Rain on the Tree

### Social Studies:

- Creating "Community Helpers All Around Us" books
- Looking at the past and present

### Science:

- Five Senses



**Cox Farm:** Parent chaperones are welcome to be with us for our field trip to Cox Farm on 11/2. Please send your child's admission before 10/18.

**PALS Assessment:** Beginning next week the Molecules will be assessed in small groups and individually for letter recognition, letter sounds, beginning sounds, rhyme, and spelling. This is an informal assessment that I almost like to call an interview. The results will help my immediate planning. For more information on PALS visit <http://pals.virginia.edu/>. Results of the PALS will be given at your request.

**MARS Books** give the Molecules a chance to practice their reading skills and give them a chance to shine as readers. Asking questions like:

- \* How many words on the page?
  - \* Can you point to letter that make a certain letter sound?
  - \* What word begins with a certain letter sound?
  - \* Can you point to each word as we read?
  - \* Do you see a Popcorn Word on this page?
  - \* What was your favorite part in the story?
- Why?
- \* Can we read this book together and you read a page and I'll read a page?

**Needed ASAP:** Metal coffee cans, paper rolls,

### Kindergarten Bulletin Board

10/17	Author Greg Tang visits	9:20
10/19	Help the Homeless Walk	(During PE)
10/21	Harrison's Birthday	All Day!
11/25	Principal's Chat	Library 8:30 am
10/27	School Picture Day	
10/27	International Night	7:00
10/31	Halloween Parade and Party	130
11/2	Cox Farm	