

# Kindergarten Newsletter

November 2011

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe how fast time flies! The children and I have had a great two months together and it's been wonderful to get to know them really well!

And now, a few bits and bobs....



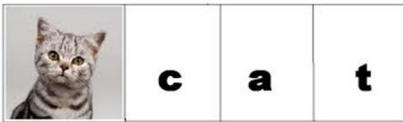
## New Topic:



Our mid-term topic is *Toys*. We will explore this theme using a different book or movie each week that ties into the six areas of learning. As always, if you have any toy related books, movies, posters, or even toys—please do lend them to our classroom. All items will be returned promptly.

**Homework Project:** Please create a toy collage and bring it in to display in our new role play toy shop. Use magazines, adverts, internet pictures and even toy boxes to create a colourful display of different toys. **Due date: November 15th**

## Flashcards:



Also a big “Thank you” for reinforcing the letters and sounds flashcards at home. Please remember to use the flashcards daily to reinforce sounds, blends and beginning/rhyming words. The children, at school, have an opportunity to use our classroom flashcards daily after completing their centre activity. I

always see a big jump of improvement when home and school work together. It's so beneficial when concepts that are taught at school are reinforced at home.

## Home Picture/Reading Books:

Please note that all children will initially start taking home pictures book every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. As children start to learn and remember their Kindergarten sight words, home reading books (sight word books) will be sent home as a replacement. All books (in their baggie) should be put into the book bin first thing in the morning for changing. Please read the handout I inserted into your child's book baggie for more information.



## Useful Websites:

I have put together a list of the websites that we use in our classroom learning that link to Literacy and Numeracy. As well as using Mathletics and/or IXL, the following websites are very visual, hands-on and fun.

### Literacy

<http://ictgames.com/literacy.html>

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

[http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/literacy\\_menu.html](http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/literacy_menu.html)

<http://www.starfall.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/>

### Numeracy

<http://ictgames.com/resources.html>

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/counting\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/counting_games.html)

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

[http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/maths\\_menu.html](http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/maths_menu.html)

## Show and Tell:



Please be sure to ask your child what group they are currently in, as some groupings might change. Children who forget their show and tell for their assigned day will have to wait until the following week. Show and Tell is first thing in the morning during circle time.

<i><b>Black Pumas</b></i>	<i><b>Bobcats</b></i>	<i><b>Tigers</b></i>
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

## Open House:

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for our first open house! I could tell that the children were so happy and proud to take you on a tour of our classroom and show you some of the activities we do in class. Having open houses allows your child to take the lead, show independence and pride in not only their learning but also in their classroom. I look forward to our next one!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to me after school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Tracy