



# Kindergarten Connection

**"All I really needed to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in Kindergarten"**

**- Robert Fulghum**

**"My New  
School  
Community"**



**Community School of Davidson**

**Mrs. Humphries Class**

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## **As We Learn ... We Grow**

We enjoyed getting to know your precious children this week. They did a great job learning our daily routine and making new friends. We played some "Getting to Know You" name games and sang some fun name songs. One of our first kindergarten goals will be to learn the names of our new friends.

This week we read a story called Mary Wore Her Red Dress by Merle Peek. This book is an adaptation of a song. After reading it, we made up our own version of the song and published it as a big book. The children will take turns bringing it home for your family to read together. If possible, please be sure to send it back after one night in your home. The children are eagerly awaiting their turn with the book.

In math this week, we explored with some of the math manipulatives that we will be using in our classroom. I was also able to spend time one on one with each child this week to assess understanding in the area of mathematics. This assessment helps me to get a glimpse into the mathematical thinking of each child and to identify strengths and areas for instruction.

The next few weeks will be full of learning expectations and developing routines during our school day. We are well on our way. The children are already able to sit quietly on the carpet during instruction, walk in a respectful line and use words to be a friend.

Next week we will begin show and share. Your child may bring a special object (not a toy) to show on his or her scheduled day. The schedule is on the back of this newsletter. The items suggested are nature items, single photographs (not photo albums or multiple pictures – although creating a photo collage on the computer works), collections, artifacts from other countries, models, postcards, etc. The item should be small enough to fit in a book bag.

## **Reminders & Notes:**

1. **Change of Clothes:**  
Please send in a change of clothes to be kept at school in case we need them. .
2. **Snack:** Some children are unclear about which things are packed for snack and which things are for lunch. Some ideas to try are to label snack items with a marker or put them in a separate bag in the lunch box.
3. **Water Bottles:** Please send a water bottle each day. **Carpool:** If possible, please try to be early in the carpool line for the first few weeks. Sometimes a long wait makes a child anxious. If you plan to be late in carpool, please let your child know, so they are prepared.
5. **Wish List:**
  - Playdough brand playdough
  - stamp pads
  - pet supplies (turtle food, gerbil fluff, gerbil litter, water conditioner)
  - extra water bottles