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Berry Hill Weekly Buzz



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First Days of Kindergarten



Our Kindergarteners are off to a great start! They enjoyed meeting their teachers, classmates, and Principal! They spent the first few days getting to know each other, creating classroom rules and routines, and finding their way around Berry Hill! They learned how to line up in number order, count off, and get ready for a Fire Drill. Kindergarteners had fun working on projects for their first bulletin boards, listening to stories, and playing in centers. Everyone enjoyed making lots of new friends and having fun at Berry Hill!

First Graders Build Good Reading Habits



First graders have been building good reading habits! The students spent time "shopping" to find "just right" books! They learned to take a "sneak peek" at the cover and first few pages of a book and to talk about what they see and think. They are forging ahead with reading the book to check their sneak peek and confirm or change their predictions. First graders learned that good readers always "do something" when they come to the end of a book. Our readers have been re-reading favorite parts or whole books, thinking through all the parts of the book in their minds, and retelling their book to a reading partner. Reading partners have been sitting EEKK style (elbow to elbow, knee to knee), sharing a book between them, turning and talking about their sneak peeks, and sharing book talks. First graders are working together to build a repertoire of strategies to help them read tricky words and grow stronger reading muscles.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Mannion, Principal