

Dear Families:

On the first day of school, we will be reading *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. In this story, Chester Raccoon is nervous about his first day of school. To comfort him, Mrs. Raccoon kisses the palm of Chester's hand, telling him that he can always hold onto her kiss, even when they are apart.

To make this story even more meaningful to your kindergartener, we ask that you kiss the center of your child's hand (either the evening before or on the morning of the first day). Whenever you do, say something like this:

This special kiss will not wash off. Anytime you need a kiss from me, just hold your hand to your cheek and remember that I love you.

