



# The Evening Paw Press

## Notes from Mr. Pollock's Kindergarten Class at Hickman ES

Good evening parents!

Photo: Terracotta warriors.



Rainy Days and Mondays always ... nah, actually I love rain. We had a very good day today; we worked on the letter C, worked on sets of 1-10 objects, had a great guidance lesson from Mrs. about being safe and who to ask for help in certain situations; and we read intensively about the Terra Cotta Warriors of China (your kids found it pretty amazing that they were found in 1974 ... when I was 11. I suspect they now think I was present when the whole army was made in 226 BCE, or that I'm an ancient being made of terracotta). A good time was had by all.

Two things tonight: First, I sent invites for all of you to join me at Class Dojo. Messaging is available there also, but the best feature we use is to award class and individual points for encouraging positive skills, like perseverance and teamwork. You can use it on any device: It's a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, and can also be accessed from your computer at [classdojo.com](https://www.classdojo.com). It's a positive reward system and your child earns points that can be redeemed as they build up. Points could be used for a variety of



Our classroom decor this year is the paw print. We rescue basset hounds via Belly Rubs Basset Rescue, a great group of people doing the work of angels, so it was a pretty easy design choice. We love dogs (and all animals).

At the moment, we're calling our class Pollock's Pawsitively Pawfect Pack. Subject to change if we get too tired of so much cuteness and puns. <grin>.

*"The future of the world is in our den today."*

things; I have some ideas, but need the principal's input. I'll let you know what can be earned (intangibles like being line leader for the day or tangibles such as goofy straws or silly sunglasses are possibilities) as soon as I can.

Second, please remember that parent-teacher conferences are Friday and your children will be home from school. I still have any 20-minute slot between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. available, so please let me know as soon as possible what you need your time to be and I'll mark it off.

We can meet in person at school, via Teams or Zoom virtually, or over the phone, according to your needs/preference. Just send me a message or give me a call and I'll put you on the schedule.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you (one way or another) on Friday!

—Steve Pollock