

November, 2009



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy month! The stuffed animal sleepover was so much fun! We also enjoyed the field trip to Keller Farm. The children also enjoyed the fall party.

Nursery rhymes were introduced and some can be found in the reading binders. The children have been working on tracking written print, identifying letters, words, punctuation marks, and recognizing rhyming words. Please remember that these are essential components in the early reading process. Your involvement with your child's beginning reading skills brings your student great satisfaction. Thank you!

This month we will introduce letters C, and A. Our sight words will be am, and, at, I, like.

In science we will be talking about food groups and making healthy food choices for our bodies. This month in math we will continue to work on patterns and focus on number writing. We will also continue to practice counting by 1's and 10's up to 50.

We recently sent home a note about developmental writing. This article does a nice job of explaining some ideas we use in the classroom that you can duplicate at home. You may have noticed your child is beginning to listen for sounds and attempt to interpret sounds for specific letters. The children will not have the correct letters during the beginning stages of writing. They will typically hear the first sound (horse might look like "h"), then the first and last sound ("hs"), and eventually some middle sounds ("hrs"). Please don't be concerned that they aren't spelling correctly. It is important your child feel comfortable with putting his/her ideas down on paper. We will be using a variety of techniques to assist the children in listening for sounds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

We want to thank all of the parents that have helped in the classroom, prepared materials at home and at school, donated supplies, and assisted with the fall party. Also a big thanks to the room moms that organized our first party. Our fall party was so much fun for the children! They loved the games and crafts. They were so excited to show each other their costumes

Please be sure to send a note if your child is going home with another child. Many parents have written specific names on the backpack tags, but as you know these tags can fall off easily.

We've been able to get many new books through your purchases of Scholastic books. For every dollar spent, we receive points to use to purchase new books or materials for our classroom. The children just love our new books!

We appreciate your continued communication and look forward to talking to you during the next couple of weeks at parent/teacher conferences. The children will not receive a report card for first quarter, but rather a conference summary sheet and math checklist. This will briefly describe your child's academic progress, adjustment to our routine, how they get along with others, how well they follow rules, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 4	Teacher conferences 4:30-8
November 10	No School Parent/Teacher conferences 8-3 & 4:30-8
November 11	No School- Veteran's Day
November 25-27	No school—Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team

