



November News

Happy Fall! We have now started the second quarter of school. Please take some time to review your child's conference sheet that was sent home in the report card envelope. We will reuse this envelope each quarter. Please return the report card envelope signed to school and keep the conference sheet for yourself to discuss with your child's teacher at parent/teacher conferences.

In November we will learn three new letters: P, C, A. We will also introduce 5 new popcorn words: I, like, am, and, at. We will introduce short and long vowels and will use our popcorn words am, and, at to identify word families. We will continue to practice responding to, sequencing, and retelling stories. The kindergartners will be encouraged to use phonics to decode simple words as well as to write words based on how they sound. Please continue to practice and reinforce letter names, letter sounds, and our sight words at home.

In math, we will use games and hands-on activities to focus on counting, recognizing, and writing numbers. We will continue to work on recognizing, reproducing, extending, and generating patterns. Kindergartners will also be introduced to measuring weight using a pan balance and other measurement techniques using nonstandard measurement devices.

We will continue to observe the changes in the seasons during our ongoing science unit on the four seasons. Our "Marvelous Me" science unit will continue in November with an introduction to nutrition. We will discuss the food pyramid and healthy eating and exercise habits. Our nutrition lessons will tie in nicely with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. We will discuss Thanksgiving and our different family traditions.

We will have our first PTA sponsored curriculum party on November 24th. Please keep in mind that if you would like to be present for the party, and you have not already signed up, you need to contact our Parent Coordinator to sign up as a volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Amy Keppler at amy.keppler@sbcglobal.net.

As the cooler weather approaches, please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately. We will continue to go outside to recess daily, except in cases of rain or temperatures below zero. Also, there are many children that have the same or similar jackets, hats, gloves, and boots. To prevent confusion and lost clothing, we suggest labeling your child's clothing with their name or another identifiable mark.

November is a busy month! Please be sure to check the back of this newsletter for important dates to remember throughout the month of November.

The Kindergarten Team

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 4 - Nov. 10	Book Fair
November 4	Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:30 pm– 8 pm)
November 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences (8:00 am–8:00pm) No students in attendance
November 11	NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
November 13	Picture Retakes
November 21	Market Day
November 24	Kindergarten Curriculum Party
Nov. 25 - Nov 27	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

