

K4B Oct 28th Newsletter

This Week's Activities



Math: We began working on ordinal numbers- most scholars understand 1st but 2nd and higher are confusing at this time. We will re-visit this again later in the school year. Scholars continue to review basic and complex shapes. They are learning to describe the shape as well as name it. The scholars learned to manipulate pattern blocks to fill a design. Scholars wrote the numbers 2, 3 and 4 and did a simple addition problem. Writing the numbers on the lines is tricky for most of our scholars. Please continue to practice writing on the lines. Our last math activity was an activity to reinforce ordinal numbers and one to one correspondence using the book **5 Little Pumpkins**. Your scholar has their own little book to retell the story at home!

Science: This week the scholars identified pumpkins as a type of squash. We discussed the pumpkin plants life cycle and are witnessing decay and rot.

Social Studies: The scholars will identify a farmer as a community helper. He grows the pumpkins on the pumpkin farm!

Our field trip to the **Urban Ecology Center** was a huge success. Our field trip was primarily indoors due to the weather however, we had an awesome experience! Our field trip was about the 5 Senses and the scholars had excellent behavior. Mr. Flowers and Ms. Alex were entertaining and the scholars loved everything they demonstrated. They were able to touch the snake Neil and the frog Marbles. Check out the photo albums for some great pictures! Check out the blog to hear what your scholar liked best about the field trip!

Reading: This week we identified the letter name and sounds of Ll and Mm. L-l-l-leaf and M-m-m-monkey. We identified key details found in the pumpkin texts by answering the question "What do you know about pumpkins?"

Art in the classroom: Paper plate pumpkin- Scholars color mixed yellow and red paint on a paper plate to create an orange pumpkin. They added shape features and a green stem. On the back your scholar can use the pictures to re-tell the life cycle of the pumpkin from seed to pumpkin!

Halloween Treats:

Thank you to the families who let me know in advance that they would be sending in a treat for the classroom. Thank you to Lily for handing out play dough to each scholar and to Avery for the Halloween treat bag.

Thank you to the other families who sent in treats-I am thankful everyone selected items with an ingredient list so that I could check the treats, however, in the future will you please let me know that you would like to send in items. We did not have a Halloween party and we ended up with way too many items at snack time. I appreciate your generosity!!!

Coats, Hats and Gloves:

We are experiencing some colder weather so please help your scholars by reminding them to put on their coat first, hat second and gloves last. At school when they remove their coat I have them put their gloves and hat into the sleeve of their coat. This helps to keep their belongings together! With any coat please continue to practice zipping and buttoning. Your scholar needs to be able to independently zip/button their own coat. Thanks so much!

Paperwork coming home

***Scholastic Magazines-** We read two this week! One was about the color orange in fall and the other was about pumpkins. Both themes we covered this week!

***Math News and math worksheets-**please review. Please review the worksheets to see how your scholar did with the work. Papers sent home may have a smile 😊 or an ok meaning I checked the work. I try to write about any areas that you work on at home. Sometimes I will add a letter: S=secure P=progressing N=needs more practice or needed assistance. If your child has a N or N/P I usually tell you where your child struggled and what you can do to help review or practice the concept at home!

***Letter writing sheets-** scholars practiced writing the letters L and M. Both the upper and lower case Mm's are challenging to write. The goal for the first semester is to be able to write the upper case letters. During the second semester the goal is both upper and lowercase. If your scholar has mastered the uppercase letter have them practice the lower case. 😊 Any letter or number writing practice at home is great!

***Halloween Rotations-**your scholar has a jack-o-lantern and a treat bag from rotations.

*** Religion sheep-**from Mrs. Dahlgren

***Coloring paper art-**from Ms. Hardy

Homework is due on Monday!

Enjoy the Halloween weekend!!!

Mrs. Bauer