



Kindergarten News

November 18, 2011

Dear Parents,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded how blessed I am. I have 37 new blessings this year – thank you for the opportunity to grow with your children.

Here is a peek at what we've been up to:

- We have finished Jolly Phonics! The kids did great! We have begun working with word families. This week we worked with the _at family, making words and writing simple sentences using our sight words and words in the _at family. The children are doing a great job with this. Next week we will work with the _an family. We continue to review our letter names and sounds.
- The sight words last week were “one”, “my”, “me” and “big”; we are reviewing this week. You will receive sight word baggies at parent-teacher conferences.
- In Making Meaning (shared reading), we completed our second unit on making text-to-self connections; informally identifying important ideas in the story and answering questions to understand the story. Socially, we worked on the skill of talking and listening to one another. Our book this week was *Noisy Nora* by Rosemary Wells. We also listened to this story in our listening center. The poems for the past couple of weeks were *Five Little Turkeys* and *Fat Turkeys*.
- In Math we continue to practice writing and counting to 100 as well as reviewing different patterns, tens and ones, sorting, etc. We completed our work on reading, writing and making 6 – 10. It is amazing how well the kids are doing in Math! Please practice counting and writing numbers at home as well.
- We are well underway with our literacy centers. The kids are doing a fantastic job and really love them. You may have heard them talk about them at home. Some of the centers include independent reading, buddy reading, big book reading, computers, listening center, making words, writing, etc.

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, November 18th – Final day for November Scholastic book orders
- Friday, November 18th – Tuesday, November 22nd – parent/teacher conferences
- Monday, November 21st – No school for PM Kindergarten
- Tuesday, November 22nd – Friday November 25th – No School – Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 2nd – Field Trip to DuPage Children’s Museum in Naperville
- Tuesday, December 20th – Winter Parties

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Reminders:

- Field Trip permission slips are due prior to December 2nd.
- Sound books no longer need to come to school with your child – please keep them home.
- We are only allotted 15 minutes per conference for parent/teacher conferences; please be on time as the schedule is very full.
- If your child will be going home a different way than normal, please continue to send a note.
- Tuesday we have P.E. (Gym) – please remember to send your child in gym shoes.
- Thursday is Library day; all books need to be returned by Thursday.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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