



# Kindergarten News

November 4, 2011

Dear Parents,

A very special *THANK YOU* to all of the parents who put so much into our fall parties to make them special for the kids. They had a great time and they all looked great as they paraded through the school. You are much appreciated!

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

- We are nearing the end of Jolly Phonics. This week we reviewed the sounds we have learned and were introduced to ou, oi, ue and er. We will continue to blend words and stretch words to hear the sounds. Please continue to practice the sounds with your children at home.
- The sight words this week were “down”, “can”, “see” and “not”. We’ve completed the assessments and the kids have shown improvement from the beginning of the year! More information will be coming home soon.
- In Making Meaning (shared reading), we continued to make text-to-self connections; we informally identified important ideas in the story and answered questions to understand the story. Socially, we worked on the skill of talking and listening to one another. Our book this week was *I Was So Mad* by Mercer Mayer. We also talked and wrote about different feelings. The poem of the week was *The Leaves are Falling Down*.
- In Math we worked with making an organized list, counting and making 6 & 7. We continue to practice writing and counting to 100 as well as reviewing different patterns, tens and ones, sorting, etc. Please practice counting and writing numbers at home as well.
- I’ve received about half of the baby pictures back – they are awesome! I will be putting the book together next week. It would be great to have all of the kids included in the book – this has truly been a favorite in the past. If you haven’t already sent yours in, please send and I will add it.

## Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day – No School
- Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – parent/teacher conferences

## Reminders:

- The last day to send sound books to school will be Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. After that, please keep them at home for your child to review.
- If you have not scheduled your conference, you may schedule until Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to make the dates available, please contact me and we can schedule a time to meet. Please note...we are only allotted 15 minutes per conference; 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.

Enjoy your weekend!

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