



Kindergarten News

October 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support. It is great having parents who are truly engaged in their child's learning.

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

- In Jolly Phonics, we reviewed the sounds we have learned and were introduced to sh, th (2 sounds) and qu. The kids are getting really good at blending words together. We also practice stretching them out to hear the sounds in the words. Please continue to practice the sounds at least three times per day. You can mix it up by giving them words with the sounds they have learned and blend them together. It is very important that your child brings his/her sound book to school every day. We only have one more week until Jolly Phonics ends and we ramp up using what we've learned.
- The sight words this week were "is", "go", "we" and "little". Just a reminder that students will be assessed on sight words at the beginning of November. Shortly following, they will have a sight word baggie with the set of words they need to work on. More info to come...
- The poem of the week was Spiders. The students are really great detectives in finding the sight words in the pieces we read. We've also discussed end marks and spaces between words.
- In Math we worked with 1 and 2 fewer and reviewed and practiced number writing and counting. Many of our students are already counting to 100 – we practice this daily; please continue to practice at home as well.
 - You may, from time to time, see a math worksheet come home – this is a practice worksheet and will not need to be sent back to school. It is just reinforcing what we have already worked on in class. If we have any homework, I will be sure to have a note with it.
- We will begin working more on our writing in the coming weeks. We will work daily on what good writers do and practice, practice, practice. Look for more info in the weeks to come.
- We have another week for the baby picture project. There are still several that are missing. The kids would love to see their picture in the book. If you haven't already sent yours in, please send it next week.
- The kids enjoyed participating in our Red Ribbon Week activities – i.e. pajama day, wearing red, and stuffed animal day. Thank you for your support!
- Our classes did a great job with Officer Friendly. Many were already familiar with "Stranger Danger". They talked about this as well as safety on Halloween while Trick or Treating. We read the book *Never, Ever Talk to Strangers!*, by Anne Marie Pace, to compliment the lesson with Officer Friendly.

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Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, October 31st – our book-it reading logs are due if you are participating. Some students have returned their form and were very excited to get their coupon for a free individual size pizza.
- Monday, October 31st, ½ day – No PM kindergarten

Reminders:

- Please remember to send back sound books every day so the new sound may be added. Only one more week and we are finished!
- 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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