

November Kindergarten Newsletter

I am so happy to see the children flourishing socially. Old friends are playing with new friends and the two Kindergarten classes are intermingling together during outdoor recess.

This month in our Wonders Reading Program (Unit 2), we will be working on the following skills:

Social/Emotional Learning: Self-control, Emotional regulation, and Self-confidence

Phonological Awareness: Alliteration, Onset and Rime blending

Phonemic Awareness: Isolation, Blending, Categorization

Phonics/Spelling/Handwriting: /Pp/, /Tt/ and review /Mm/, /Aa/, /Ss/

High Frequency Words: /a/, /like/ and review /the/, /see/, /we/, /I/

Comprehension strategy: Ask and answer questions

Skill: Key Details

Genre: Informational Text, Nonfiction, Poetry

In Mathematics, we have begun Chapter 3: Positions. The children will follow my directions and act out different tasks, using the vocabulary: above, below, top, middle, over, on, under, inside, in front, behind, left, right, before, between and after.

We will learn that God made all people special during Religion class this month. We will celebrate the gift of our families and friends, and explore the gift of our 5 senses. Look for our special hand crafted book called "Creation". The children did a great job on their books and are looking forward to sharing them with you!

Our Social Studies lessons will focus on the first Thanksgiving celebration and how the Pilgrims and Native Americans helped each other through a cold, hard winter. We will perform a Thanksgiving Skit—"We Gather Together" and make butter from cream, and enjoy baked breads and juice together in celebration on November 22nd. Our Room Moms will be contacting you for supplies if needed. I hope to video the skit and share it with you all.

In Science, we will discuss what animals do when the weather turns cold: some migrate, some hibernate, and some stay active. We will focus on squirrels and how they prepare for winter. Also, we will observe what happens to trees and plants as the weather gets cold--i.e. leaves turning color and falling.

The October challenge was well done by all students. Please find the new "Challenge" homework for November. I also have sent home the "November School Menu" to label and return to school with your child's lunch choices for the month.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Merrill



November Homework Challenge

Throughout the month of November, complete the following activities and earn a special homework prize. The homework is due on November 30th.

1. Print one row of each letter: /Pp/, /Tt/, and review /Mm/, /Aa/, /Ss/. Be sure the letters are the correct size, between the lines, and spaced properly. (used lined paper provided)
2. Draw or cut out one picture from a magazine that begins with each letter: /p/, /t/, /m/, /a/, /s/. Glue and label them on the back of the lined paper. Encourage “kid spelling” or inventive spelling, then you can show them the “adult” way to spell it.
3. Draw a picture of each of your family members and print their names neatly.
4. Make 3 rhyme words using “at” (Example: “s” + “at” = “sat”)
5. Make 3 rhyme words using “ap” (Example: “m” + “ap” = “map”)
6. Draw me a picture with “1 turkey”, “2 trees”, “3 clouds”, “4 leaves”, and “5 acorns”.
7. Make a book: Draw a cover page (Be sure to include the name of the book, and your name as the author/illustrator) On each page start your sentence with “I can ____.” Label page 1,2,3.

Have fun!!