

## Kindergarten News-November



**Reading-** The students have now been introduced to letters: a, m, and s. Additionally, this month they will learn the letters: p, t, and i. We learn to identify each letter and produce its sound. We are now beginning to blend some of these sounds together, using the short vowel: a. For example, Sam, map, sat, etc. This skill takes lots of practice and will take time to master. The more we practice the more confident we will become.

We have also been focusing on both listening and reading comprehension. We often discuss our predictions about a text prior to reading it and use picture clues to help us do this. While reading, we stop to look for clues that give us information. After reading or listening to a text the students will then draw or write about what they heard, including "key details".

Please continue to encourage your reader to practice reading the take home books weekly.

**High Frequency Words-** I, can, the, we, see, a, like, to

**Math-** We just completed our second chapter and can now identify solid and plane figures. These shapes include: cube, cone, rectangular prism, sphere, cylinder, triangle, square, circle, rhombus, hexagon and trapezoid. We also explored the world of patterns. The students can now identify color, shape, size and growing patterns. We learned to identify the pattern rule before we completed each one. You can continue to reinforce these skills at home while building with blocks, playdoh and puzzles. Shapes and patterns are everywhere!

**Science-** Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins! We spent the month of October exploring pumpkins. We even investigated our very own pumpkin after Mrs. Ryder carved it open. Inside we discovered seeds and even spent the time counting the seeds. We grouped the seeds into sets of ten and then we counted them, only to discover that we had just over four hundred seeds. Wow! We saved some seeds and hope to see some sprouts growing from them soon. We will begin our "Healthy Foods" unit later this month.

**Religion-** We have been continuing to practice our prayers. We have noticed that the students are becoming more confident each day as we pray. God is surely smiling every time He hears those prayers.

We celebrated All Saint's Day together as a school community in church. We were able to attend mass with our 6th grade buddies, making mass extra special. Fr. John's homily helped to inspire some discussion about becoming a saint.

We learned that our saints are the heroes of our church and just like superheroes we should aspire to be just like them. Live a life for God. The children were all reminded that they too could all be saints someday. They even illustrated what they would look like as future saints. Keep shining Kindergarten!

**Social Studies-** This month we will celebrate both Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. As Veteran's Day approaches, we would like to remember all veterans, but we would especially like to honor those who are close to us. If you have a veteran in your family, please let us know. We will honor them as we learn one of the many reasons we are so blessed to be a part of the United States.

In honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will learn about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans, their relationship and about the harvest celebration they enjoyed

together. We will enjoy our own feast in class the week of Thanksgiving. Room parents will reach out to you for supplies.

#### **Open House-November 10th**

Please spread the word about our wonderful school. You as parents of our school are the most influential form of advertising we have. Help us continue to grow strong, as we are already proud.

#### **Supplies:**

- Paper Towels (2 rolls)
- Tissues (2 boxes)
- Christmas Stickers (1)
- White Paper Plates  
(1 Small and 1 Large)

Listed below you will find the names of the families who are on the supply list for the month of November. If you can contribute we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

Fish Family  
Kerr Family  
Kounadis Family



