

October Kindergarten News 2021



September was a fun month getting to know each other through fun games and activities. We began “Wonders”, with “Smart Start”, which is a three week introduction to our new reading program that begins with the social emotional learning topics: we are special, families, and how we can be responsible—helping at home and in school. In Language Arts, we have focused on alphabetic order and naming upper and lower case letters. We are practicing listening for rhymes, alliteration, clapping out syllables and sentence segmentation—counting words in a sentence. We read lots of stories as we explored the genres of nursery rhymes, fables, and fairy tales. We were introduced to the high frequency words: “I” and “can”. We are also working on printing our names the “Kindergarten” way.

In Math, we will begin Chapter 2 (Geometry and Patterns). The children will explore the common plan (2-dimensional) and solid figures (3-dimensional) both abstract and tangibles. Children will predict what shape or real life object is likely to come next in patterns involving color, shape, and size extending the information we learned in Chapter 1 (Classification and Sorting) a step further.

In Social Studies we will continue to practice safety rules, explore feelings and learn about the legend of Johnny Appleseed. The children will be introduced to Zippy and Moe—our classroom puppets who help them work out social dilemmas and feelings. We will read about Christopher Columbus and his brave sailing exploration around the world. They will be introduced to maps and the compass rose. Let’s not forget that October is “Fire Safety Month”. We will practice fire drills and how to keep ourselves safe.

In Science, we will explore the five senses through some hands-on Autumn activities. I have planned a field trip to Coonemessett Farm on October 28th. I will send home more information along with the permission slips and cost/child to be signed and returned by October 15th.

In Religion, we will continue to thank God for the many gifts He gave us when He created the world in seven days. Our culminating project will be the book made by the children, “Creation”.

I am pleased to announce that our “Room Mom” will be Mrs. Kounadis. We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 29th. Classroom picture day is October 14th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Merrill



Take the October Homework Challenge—if you dare!!

Throughout the month of October, complete the following activities and earn a special homework prize! Due October 29th!!

1. Print your first name neatly between the lines the “Kindergarten” way with the first letter uppercase and all the rest lowercase. Practice printing your name 5 times.
2. Print your last name neatly between the lines the “Kindergarten” way with the first letter uppercase and all the rest lowercase. Practice printing your name 5 times.
3. Practice printing the word “red” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is red.
4. Practice printing the word “yellow” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is yellow.
5. Practice printing the word “orange” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is orange.
6. Practice printing the word “green” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is green.
7. Practice printing the word “blue” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is blue.
8. Practice printing the word “purple” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is purple.
9. Practice printing the word “brown” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is brown.
10. Practice printing the word “black” 2 times and draw a picture of something that is black.
11. Find a picture in a magazine with something shaped like a sphere, cylinder, cube, cone. Please label it.
12. Draw a picture using triangles, squares, circles, rectangles.

Have fun!!

Please find attached 4 pieces of lined paper, and 3 pieces of plain white paper to use to complete this challenge.