



Kindergarten news

From Mrs. Mond's Class

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Dear Parents,

I am so proud of your children! They are learning to read and I really appreciate your help at home with learning the words and sentences that I sent on Friday. I will continue to send different sentences weekly and I'm wishing to have them back on Thursday.

Please keep reading with your children every night; it will make a big difference in their learning process.

Volunteers,

A big THANK YOU to all who have volunteered in our classroom. As you can see, having an extra set of hands and eyes during our Workstation time is absolutely invaluable. If you are still interested in helping out, please give me a call. I need helpers from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Please remember that I do not confirm your day/time. Plan to come on the day(s) that you signed up. I don't mind if more than one person comes on a day. There are always things I can have you do! I've also had several "home helpers" willing to cut things out or prepare activities at home. Please let me know if this works better in your schedule than coming into the classroom.

Curriculum Night,

I was hoping to see all the parents at the open house because we had demonstrations of what we are doing in the classroom. This is especially important for math because we are unable to send the books home. If you would like to know more about your child's progress, you are welcome to visit after dismissal.

Fall is here! The weather is getting cooler and in kindergarten that can only mean one thing... time to label all sweaters and jackets! Your child's name will ensure that clothing goes home to the right family. Although your child may recognize their own clothing at home, when faced with several navy blue sweaters in school, they all start to look alike.



peek at October:

Color word: green, brown, blue

Letter Ll and its sound

Letter Pp and its sound

New words: my, like, will, can,

all word family: fall, call, mall, ball...

Theme: pumpkins, we will learn the life cycle, weighing, measuring, rolling, floating, and tasting the pumpkin cake.

New pattern: AABB

Math: 3 dimensional shapes such as sphere, prism, pyramid, and cube.

Estimation jar: how many pumpkins are there?

Money: nickel

Big book: pumpkin, pumpkin

Guided Reading

We are starting our Guided Reading groups and they will learn what it means to look and sound like a reader. We will learn strategies for unfamiliar words and beginning to explain how we know about words.

In writing, we are working on what writers do as they tell and write stories. We think about the story we want to tell first, then we start drawing the pictures. Then we think of a small part that we will write down. In Kindergarten, it's important that they begin to write their thoughts in words, but it's a difficult task at first. We don't want them to get so overwhelmed with the thought of writing their entire story, so we focus on just writing one part at a time.



Special thanks to our parents who chaperoned with us on our field trip to Tougas farm, it was a successful event and the children had a great time!

Thank you,

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