



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class September 20, 2024



Language Development & Reading...and some fun fine motor projects

We are learning so much. This week we...

~ had lots of fun reenacting the story We're Going on a Bear

~ used our cutting and coloring skills to make a cute bear with our KPALs.

~ used positional words to create settings for bears that we then colored and decorated. These are on display outside our classroom.

~found the trick word "l" in our morning message and in our poem.

~learned about how to organize our classroom books. We have lots of books so this will be a project we keep working on in the coming weeks.

~learned how to handle books gently and take good care of them.

~had lots of fun self-selecting more books for our reading bins and then even more fun discovering the wonders found within those books

~In Foundations we learned about the letters: n~nut~/n/ and m~man~/m/, practiced writing the lowercase letters n, m, t, b, f on our dry erase boards, played a game identifying the initial sounds in words that start with n, m, t, b & f and we built and echo read some sentences.

~Phonemic Awareness: We have also been honing our phonemic awareness by verbalizing rhyming words, isolating initial and final sounds in words, combining and separating compound words and changing parts of words to create new words.

Some of the wonderful books we read included:

- A Bear and His Honey
- Try a Little Kindness
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Bears, Bears Everywhere
- Bears in the Night



A SPECIAL VISITOR

It was SO EXCITING in Kindergarten today. We had a special visitor:

Barley Bear

He left paw prints all around the school and we went on a hunt for him. We finally found him, in of all places, our classroom!



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Friday 9/20:

Scholastic Book Orders due

Thursday 10/3:

No School ~ Rosh Hashanah

Friday 10/4:

Picture Day

Friday 10/11:

Spirit Day (moved because of Picture Day)

Birthdays

9/5 Justin



Math:

~We are learning the days of the week and predicting shape patterns on our calendar.

~We are continuing to count, in a variety of ways, the days we've been in school

~We are developing the foundational skills of subitizing and benchmarking 5. The children are having rich and wonderful mathematical conversations.

~We've been learning rhymes to help us write our numbers from 1 through 5.

~We are enjoying a "Work Places" (math centers) where we are exploring unifix cubes, polydrons, geoboards, pattern blocks and a Spill the Beans game.



Social Studies/Science:

~We are continuing our Navigating School Unit. This week we:

- read and discussed the book *Henry Goes to School*
- identified a variety of people at school who help us
- made a list of questions that we would like to ask one of our special school helpers

~Our second Monarch Butterfly emerged from her chrysalis. We gave her a tracking sticker and released her so she can start her journey south.



Information from the PTO

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Something Fun to do with your child...

Involve your children in meal preparation.



- Measure with cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons. Ask your children to guess how many tablespoons make a cup of water. Then, help them check it out!
- Involve your children in making part of a meal or a snack.
- Talk about opposites big and small, hard and soft.