



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class September 27, 2024



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

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

~ looked for the Word of the Week: "me" in our books and messages and practiced writing and spelling it as well.

~found the trick word "me" in our poem.

~continued to learn about how to select, handle and take care of our classroom books.

~enjoyed "reading" lots of books from our book bins.

~began working in small instructional groups. This week we used an emergent reader to learn about directionality of print, one-to-one matching and how to look for our high frequency words.

~began Writing Workshop. We have focused on illustrators as story tellers. We made lots of pictures and told stories about them. We are developing the language that we will also use as authors.

~In Foundations we learned about the letters: i~itch~/i/ and u~up~/u/, practiced writing all of the lowercase letters that we've learned so far on our dry erase boards, played a game identifying Mama Echo's Cards by listening carefully for letter sounds and used our magnetic letter tiles.



Some of the wonderful books we read included:

School Days
Mother Bruce
Try a Little Kindness
Big Bear Hug
My Friend Bear

Poem of the Week: Special Me
Word of the Week: me

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Friday, 10/4

Picture Day



Thursday, 10/10:

Walk-a-Thon



Friday, 10/11

Spirit Day

Library Books Due

Birthdays

10/13 Orion



Math:

~We are continuing to count and track, 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 continuing to have rich and wonderful mathematical conversations.

~We learned and played 2 new math games. "Beat You to Five" is a fun game that helps children decompose five as a quantity in a number of ways. "Which Numeral Will Win?" is a game that helps us practice writing the numerals 1 to 5.

~We are enjoying a "Work Places" (math centers) where we are exploring polydrons, geoboards, pattern blocks and our 3 games: "Spill the Beans," "Which Numeral Will Win?" and "Beat You to Five."



Social Studies/Science:

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

- drew a picture and wrote about someone here at school that is a special helper.
- read and discussed the book *Try a Little Kindness*
- identified responsible, safe and respectful behaviors in ourselves and in others.
- interviewed Ms. Bostory who told us all about her job as our Vice Principal.

~We also watched a Mystery Science video that helped us understand more about the miraculous journey our Monarch Butterflies are currently undertaking. They are part of this year's Super Generation, and are on their way to the forests of central Mexico.



Snack Reminder:

Thank you for remembering to send in wonderful snacks with your child. A friendly reminder: we cannot have any tree nuts in the classroom. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Something Fun to do with your child...

Pumpkin Time

Many of the children are getting excited for pumpkin season. Here's a couple of fun pumpkin recipes that your kindergartener could help you create.

1. Smoothie Operator

Stir 1 cup pumpkin puree into vanilla yogurt. Layer with granola for a parfait.

2. Sugar-and-Spice Pumpkin Seeds

Toss pumpkin seeds in melted butter, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice. Bake at 300°F until golden brown, about 30 minutes.



