



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class October 4, 2024



Language Development & Reading:

~We looked for the Word of the Week: "to" in our books and messages and practiced writing and spelling it as well.
 ~We practiced reading and singing poems & songs
 ~We explored alphabet books this week. We looked for patterns within the books. We also were able to look closely at words and their beginning sounds.
 ~We had opportunities to keep enjoying the books in our book bins. We returned old books and "shopped" for new ones.
 ~During the week we completed a variety of literacy activities which included: practicing letter writing, drawing basics, identifying initial sounds, working with the word of the week "to," listening and responding to a Listening Center story and reading an emergent reader featuring the word "to."
 ~We continued our Foundations Literacy Program.
 This week's letters: c~cat~/c/and o~octopus~/o/. We are learning to match letters with their sounds, write letters on our dry erase slates, read sentences with one-to-one matching and fluency and attend to stories. We also played a fun beginning sounds game.

Books:

- ~City ABCs
- ~Country ABCs
- ~Wemberly Worried
- ~Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come
- ~I Love You All Day Long
- ~The Bus for Us

Poems/Songs:

~ I Like to
 **Please remember to add this poem to your child's Poetry Binder.



Week of Respect: October 7-11

During the Week of Respect we encourage children to participate in some district-wide Spirit Activities. Following are suggestions of things to wear:

Monday – Wear Pajamas

Tuesday – Wear Work Out Clothes

Wednesday – Wear an animal print or picture of an animal

Thursday – Wear Comfy Clothes

Friday – Wear Barley Sheaf colors or clothing

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Thursday, 10/10:

Walk-a-Thon



Friday, 10/11

Spirit Day

Library Books Due

Birthdays

10/13 Orion



Math:

~We have are continuing our daily counting routines. We are now at Day 21 of school.

~We have been working a lot with patterns this week. We:

- read The Little Red Hen and then made up character motions and noises and created patterns with those motions/sounds
- used claps and taps to make patterns
- learned that we can also identify patterns in terms of letters (like ABAB or ABCABC or AABBAABB, etc.)
- used unifix cubes to create and extend patterns.

~Our monthly Collection also has an element of probability to it now and the children did a great job identifying possible outcomes.



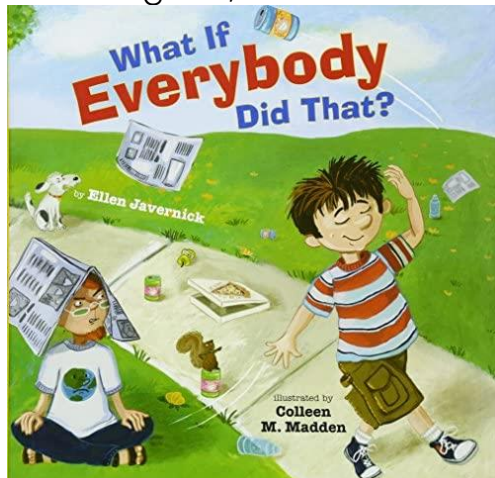
Social Studies/Science:

~In Social Studies we've been learning about being "Responsible, Safe and Respectful."

~We have had multiple chances to share with classmates examples of responsible, safe and respectful behaviors.

~We talked about, and even more importantly we acted on, ways to be kind.

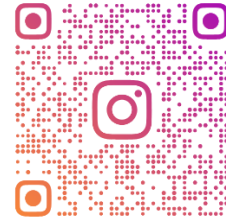
~We read a great book called *What If Everybody Did That?* and were able to discuss and explore how our actions have consequences – some good, and some not so good.



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Family Fun Idea

It should be a lovely weekend – well at least on Sunday, so why not go on a...

Fall

Color Hunt

As a family head outside and see how many colors you can spy while also taking in some fresh air and getting some exercise.

