



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class October 11, 2024



## Language Development & Reading:

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

~We continued to read a variety of ABC books this week and enjoyed identifying lots of interesting things by focusing on initial sounds.

~We worked on emergent literacy skills by using small readers and focusing on one-to-one correspondence, recognizing high frequency words, using initial sounds and also picture cues. We have started to bring home our **PURPLE** reading bags. If your child brings their bag home, please enjoy the book with them, sign the paper in the bag, and return it to school the next day.

~We had opportunities to keep enjoying the books in our book bins and this week we spent time returning and then getting new books.

~We listened to There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves, identified a favorite part & drew a picture to illustrate it.

~We continued to write in lots of ways during Writing Workshop. This week we were all able to add lots of letters and labeling to our wonderful pictures and stories.

~We continued our Foundations Literacy Program. This week we introduced the letters: a~apple~/a/ and g~game~/g/. We are learning to match letters with their sounds, write letters on our dry erase slates and we also helped retell a story about Mama Echo hunting for food.

## Books:

~The Sleepover  
~B Is for Bulldozer  
~On Market Street  
~A My Name Is Alice  
~Alphabet Underconstruction  
~ABC I Like Me

## Poems/Songs:

~ In Fall



## Upcoming Events and Reminders

### **Monday 10/14:**

Scholastic Book Order due

### **Tuesday, 10/15:**

Early Dismissal Day for Staff Development

### **October 21-24**

Scholastic Book Fair

### **Thursday 10/14**

Family Heritage Night

### **Monday, 10/29:**

Library Books Due

### **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Halloween Parade and Party



## Birthdays

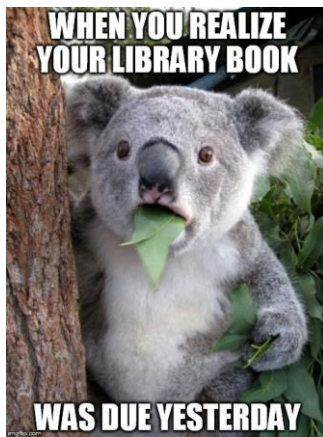
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## **A special Note about Library Books**

Since we only have library on every other 6-day cycle, it is really important that children bring back their books each day we have library. I will always include the next Library day in this newsletter.

Additionally, as I did this past week, I will also send you an email reminder. If your child doesn't bring their book back on our Library day, please send it in with them the next day and we will make sure that they get to exchange it for a new one.



### **Math:**

~We compared 5 and 10 frames, built quantities on counting mats (frames) using unifix cubes and determined how many more we would need to make 10.

~By playing Count & Compare, we compared sets of up to 10 objects to determine which were sets contained less and which contained more.

~In math Work Places we've been playing games and exploring manipulatives that have let us create patterns, practice numeral writing, develop subitizing skills and decompose 5.



### **Social Studies/Science:**

~In Social Studies we spent time learning how to be problem solvers. We identified situations that could be problematic, either in school, and for some at home, and brainstormed ways to help create better outcomes.

~We began to lay plans for our unit culminating "Take Action" project. We are very excited to work on this project next week and help make Barley Sheaf a great place for everyone. Stay tuned for more details.

## *Family Fun Ideas*

### Get Outside

The children are so excited about the possibility of jumping in a

## **Leaf Pile**

They might even be willing to help you rake.



### Cooking with Kids

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

