



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class October 18, 2024



Language Development & Reading:

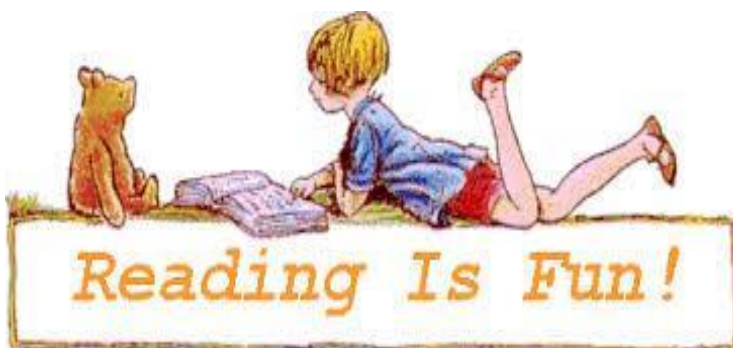
~We looked for the Word of the Week: "see" in our books and messages and practiced writing and spelling it as well.
 ~We read a number of books this week that we would call heart books – books that we love so much we can practically read and recite them.
 ~We worked on emergent literacy skills by using small readers and focusing on one-to-one correspondence, recognizing high frequency words, using initial sounds and also picture cues.
 ~We enjoyed using sensory bins to go "pumpkin picking" and identifying lower case letters and initial sounds.
 ~We had opportunities to keep enjoying the books in our book bins.
 ~We are culminating our first writing unit "We Are Writers." We have been enjoying telling stories orally and with pictures, letters and words.
 ~We continued our Foundations Literacy Program. This week's letters: s~snake~/s/and d~dog~/d/. We are learning to match letters with their sounds, write letters on our dry erase slates, found rhyming word pairs, and we built a letter-sounds puzzle.

Books:

~Hearts
 ~Ruby the Copy Cat
 ~Harold Finds a Voice
 ~Halloween Hustle
 ~The Magician's Hat

Poems/Songs:

~ Pumpkins



Upcoming Events and Reminders

October 21-24

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 10/14

Family Heritage Night

Monday, 10/29:

Library Books Due

Thursday, October 31st:

Halloween Parade and Party



Tuesday, November 5th:

No School ~ Professional Development Day for Teachers

November 7th & 8th

No School ~ Teacher's Convention

Birthdays

10/13 Orion



Math:

~We are looking at partners for 5. This week we made "bunny ears" to subitize the partners as we quickly looked at five-frame flash cards with red and blue dots on them.

~We built quantities up to 10 on our ten-frame mats.

~We noticed all of the patterns on our October Calendar – which include colors, numbers and directionality.

~We built numbers on number racks.

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



Social Studies/Science:

~We worked on our unit culminating "Take Action" project. The children were very thoughtful and reflective about our unit's Inquiry Question: How can we make school a great place for everyone? They identified a problem: walking in the hallways. We worked together to come up with a song about how to walk in the hallways. Then we recorded our song and made a video to go along with it. We are going to share our video on an upcoming Barley Sheaf Friday Newscast.

~We also began our first science unit. We are learning how to become weather watchers. In the coming weeks we will learn lots of things about weather.



Halloween Happenings

We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31st.

All children are invited to bring their Halloween costume to school in a bag marked with their name. Please be on the lookout for further guidelines from the school about costumes and our Halloween Parade.

The Homeroom Parents have put together party snacks, a craft and a game for the children to enjoy.

Happy Halloween!



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