



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class October 25, 2024



## Language Development & Reading:

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

~We read a number of books this week about Halloween and are enjoying our new unit on Heart Books. Heart books are books that we love so very much – we might be able to read the book, or we might be able to read special words and phrases from the book.

~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 are developing our phonemic awareness skills every day. We are identifying initial sounds and ending sounds. We are using onset and rime to change and relate words.

~We had fun continuing to listen for and predict rhyming words.

~We had opportunities to keep enjoying the books in our book bins. We even found some that some are now Heart Books.

~We began our new writing unit – Pattern Books. We've kicked it off by writing about places that we like to go to.

~We continued our Foundations Literacy Program. This week we completed our mid-unit check, practiced writing our letters, matched letters to sounds and had a general review of what we've learned so far.

## Books:

~The Little Old Lady Who Was Not

Afraid of Anything

~Room on the Broom

~The Halloween House

~Inside a House That is Haunted

~Pete the Cat and the Five Little

Pumpkins

~Spots



**Poems/Songs:** Please add our new poem to your poetry notebook

~ Five Little Pumpkins

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

### Monday, 10/29:

Library Books Due

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

Halloween Parade and Party



### Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>:

No School ~ Professional Development Day for Teachers

### November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

No School ~ Teacher's Convention

## Birthdays

10/13 Orion



## Math:

~We are continuing to look at partners for 5. We made 5 with "bunny ears," on our counting racks and on 5 frames. We also used popsicles sticks as tally marks, creating bundles of 5 and then adding on or taking away to compose other numbers within 10.

~We counted our collection of unifix cubes for this month – which was 33 cubes.

~We learned how to play a new game, Which Bug Will Win, which highlights counting, probability and algebraic thinking.

~We continued to track all of the patterns on our October Calendar – which include colors, numbers and directionality

~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 have started our first science unit on Weather.

~We are now official Weather Watchers. We went outside on multiple occasions and observed and recorded weather conditions.

~We learned about wind. Winds can be strong (gale) and gentle (breeze). Wind happens when hot air rises and a mass of cold air swoops in to replace it.

~We created pinwheels so we could observe and measure wind. There were squeals of delight as we took our pinwheels outside and observed the wind in action. Hopefully they got home in one piece and can be used again and again.



## Halloween Happenings

We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

All children are invited to bring their Halloween costume to school in a bag marked with their name.

Please see the flyer sent home separately for further guidelines about costumes and our Halloween Parade.

The Homeroom Parents have put together party snacks, a craft and a game for the children to enjoy. Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to help fund supplies.

Happy Halloween!



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