



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class November 1, 2019



Language Development & Reading:

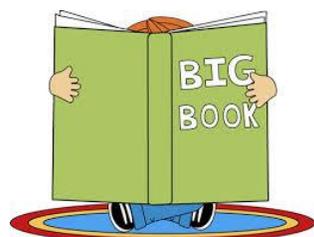
~We looked for the Word of the Week: **see** in our books and poems.
 ~We each wrote an entire book about our senses.
 ~We hunted for, and added in, letters and words in our Morning Message.
 ~We learned how to make predictions based on a story's title and cover art. We also learned how to discover the author's purpose for writing a story.
 ~During Literacy Centers we completed our mid-unit Foundations assessment, listened to *Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin Pie* at the listening center then drew and wrote about something we learned from this nonfiction book, practiced reading high frequency words in a Halloween book, practiced writing the word "see," and worked on handwriting skills and we used our fine motor skills to make trees using scissors and torn paper.
 ~Foundations - This week's letters: e~Ed~/e/and r~rat~/r/. We are learning to match letters with their sounds, write letters on our dry erase slates and attend to stories. We also practiced discriminating the number of words in a sentence.

Books:

~The Halloweiner
 ~Halloween Costumes
 ~Halloween Pumpkins
 ~The Sense of Smell
 ~The Sense of Taste
 ~A number of Halloween and Seasonal Favorites

Poems/Songs:

Stirring My Brew
 Five Little Pumpkins



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Tuesday, November 5th:

No School, Election Day

Thursday, November 7th & Friday, November 8th:

No School, Teacher Convention & Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 13th:

Library Books Due

Parent Teacher Conferences & Early Dismissal Days

November 20, 21, 25 & 26

Wed., November 27th

Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29

No School, Thanksgiving



Math:

~We had some special Halloween Math where we practiced recognizing and sequencing the numbers 1-9 to create Halloween pictures.

~We practiced quick recognition of the numbers 1-10

~We been developing the concept that numbers between 6-10 can be understood as being "5 and some more."

~We had lots of fun creating and acting out Trick-or-Treating addition and subtraction number stories.

*When completing Math Homework please have your child use pencil and to try their best to make their work as neat as possible. Thank you.



Social Studies/Science:

~We almost completed our 5 Senses unit this week.

~We read additional books to help us identify and describe each of our senses.

~We learned more about our sense of smell by carrying out an investigation where he had to smell certain scents on a Q-Tip and decide what they were. We learned more about our sense of taste too. We examined our tongues using magnifying glasses and we had a taste test. Finally we carved a Jack-O-Lantern and recorded information about it by using our senses.



Thank You

We had a blast on Halloween. Many thanks to all the parents, and especially our room moms, who helped to make this day extra special!



Special Note:

*The weather is turning colder. Going outside for recess is an important part of our day. It gives us needed physical exercise as well an opportunity to practice social skills. Please make sure that your child has appropriate outerwear so they can be warm and comfortable.

