



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class November 1, 2024



Language Development & Reading:

~We looked for the Word of the Week: **my** in our poem, books and messages.

~We began to write a variety of stories as part of our new writing unit "Pattern Books."

~We hunted for, and added in, letters and words in our Morning Message.

~During Literacy Centers we worked on

- practiced recognizing and writing the letters e & r, and learning the sounds that these letters make.
- explored books on Epic! and practiced letter writing using Letter School on our iPads.
- read emergent readers about Fall.
- identified beginning sounds in words.
- worked on developing phonemic awareness skills by blending sounds into words and identifying and creating rhyming words.

~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:

~A Scary Story: A Story for Two Voices

~The Halloween House

~Hello Autumn

~The Hallo-wiener

~Room on the Broom

~Skeleton Hiccups

~We Don't Lose Our Class Goldfish

Poems/Songs:

Leaves



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Tuesday, November 5th:

No School ~ Professional Development Day for Teachers

November 7th & 8th

No School ~ Teacher's Convention

Tues., November 19th:

Library Books Due

November 21 - 25

Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Wed., November 26th

Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 27

& Friday, November 28

No School, Thanksgiving



Birthdays

Orion 10/13



Math:

~We are truly an amazing group of mathematicians! This week we:

- explored the concept of commutativity
- made an amazing Turkey Quilt and loved examining it and finding lots of patterns.
- played a Bingo game where we needed to recognize numerals, quantities to 10 on a ten frame and tally mark groupings up to 10.
- decomposed numbers up to 10 and then compared those numbers while playing the game "Beat You to Ten."

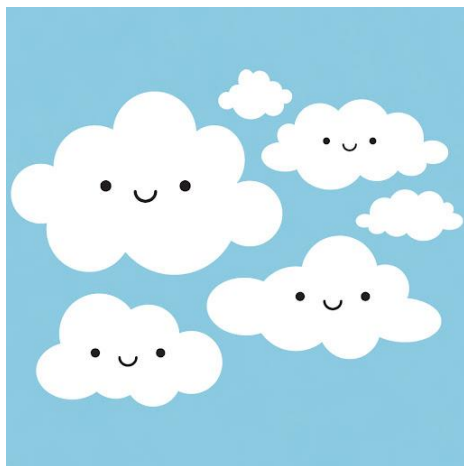


Social Studies/Science:

~In Science we continued to be weather watchers and this week we focused on wind and clouds.

~We read books about clouds. We learned that there are 3 main types of cloud (cirrus, cumulous and stratus). We also saw a number of contrail clouds throughout the week.

~We created a model of the different types of cloud cover that weather watchers might refer to while keeping track of the weather.



Thank You

We had a blast on Halloween. Many thanks to all the parents, and especially our room parents, 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.



