



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class November 15, 2024



Language Development & Reading:

~We looked for the Word of the Week: the in our books and messages.

~We continued writing pattern books. This week we wrote books about the Weather. We have been working really hard to stretch out sounds in words and also use the trick (sight) words that we've learned.

~We chorally and partner read our Shared Reading book *Stripes*.

~During Literacy Centers we:

- identified initial sounds and corresponding letters
- read a Thanksgiving book practicing our one to one matching and looking for high frequency words.
- listened to a Thanksgiving story about a very silly turkey and drew and wrote about our favorite part.
- practiced reading and writing high frequency words
- met in small groups with Mrs. Mikalsen to play phonemic awareness games, read decodable books and read patterned books.

~Foundations - This week's letters: l~lamp~/l/, h~hat~/h/ and k~kite~/k/. 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 and changing key words in sentences to change their meaning.

Books:

~I Hear a Pickle

~Flashlight

~The Duckling Gets a Cookie?!

~Listen to My Trumpet

~The Pigeon Needs a Bath

~Thanks for Thanksgiving

Poems/Songs:

Funny Turkey

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Tues., November 19th:

Library Books Due

November 21 - 25

Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Wed., November 26th

Early Dismissal
Kindergarten
Thanksgiving Feast

Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28

No School, Thanksgiving



Birthdays

Jackson 11/8

Peter 11/13



Math:

~We are truly an amazing group of mathematicians! This week (and last) we:

- have had so much fun exploring patterns.
- practiced number writing
- began to explore the concepts and the foundational knowledge needed to skip count. We are working on counting by 2's, and began the conversation by looking at a bicycle and it's two wheels. Today we figured out if we all brought our bicycles to school, how many wheels would be in our classroom.
- learned about doubles and doubling numbers.



Social Studies/Science:

~In Science we continued to be weather watchers. We have learned about clouds, temperature, precipitation and wind over the course of the unit..

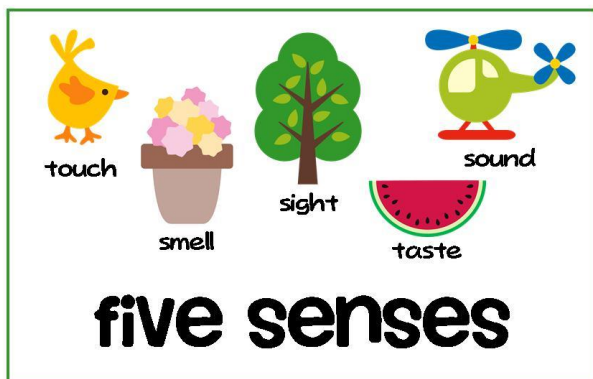
~We are now starting to learn about our 5 senses.

~We had a taste test and decided if things were sweet, salty, sour or bitter.

~We used our sense of hearing and recorded predictions about objects in mystery containers.

~We used our sense of smell to detect the base scent of a number of different extracts.

~We have talked about how all of our senses help us to observe our world and how they can also help keep us safe.



Family Fun Idea:

Playdough Turkeys

Who doesn't love playdough. Here is a playful idea that the whole family can enjoy

(from:
mamapapabubba.com)



play dough **TURKEYS**



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.

