



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class November 22, 2024



Language Development & Reading:

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

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

~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.
- practiced reading and writing high frequency words
- practiced our Foundations letters and honed our letter writing skills
- met in small groups with Mrs. Mikalsen to play phonemic awareness games, read decodable books and read patterned books.

~Foundations - This week's letters: we finished our work with l~lamp~/l/, h~hat~/h/ and k~kite~/k/. We are also reviewing all of the letters and sounds that we have learned to date.

Books:

~Bear Sees Colors

~Bear Says Thanks

~Thanks for Nothing

~Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?

~A Very Stuffed Turkey

Poems/Songs:

Mr. Turkey



Upcoming Events and Reminders

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

Monday, December 9th:

Library Books Due



Birthdays

Jackson 11/8

Peter 11/13



Math:

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

- played some fun group games to reinforce number concepts such as Plunk It (listening and 1-to-1 correspondence) Spill the Beans (subitizing and making partners for benchmark numbers) and the Before and After Game (adding and subtracting as well as numerical fluency)
- practiced ways to make 10
- enjoyed some math Thanksgiving themed counting books
- learned a new game to help us subitize numbers 1-10 called the Butterfly Race.



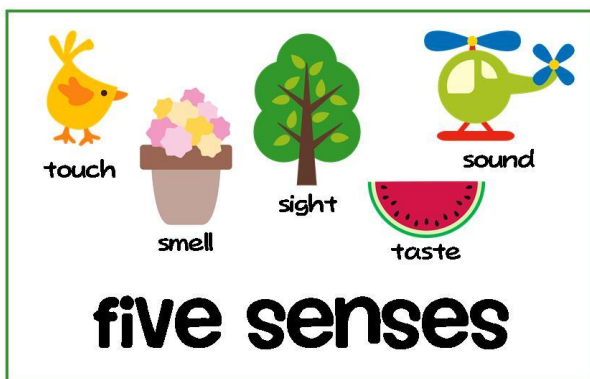
Social Studies/Science:

~We are really enjoying learning about our 5 senses.

~We learned about our sense of sight. We used this sense to find hidden pictures. We explored Mystery Bags to get a sense of how important our sense of sight is to really be able to describe and identify objects. We sorted attribute blocks with our table groups.

~We used our sense of touch to explore Feelie Bags. We worked with a partner to describe the "feel" of a variety of objects.

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



Special Activity:

Playdough

Turkeys

We got together with our 4th grade KPals and created Thanksgiving Centerpieces.



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.



