

October News Letter

A Peek at the Month

- Shapes- rectangle and hexagon
- Sight Words/Color words “ Orange, Blue, Green & Purple”
- Math- 0-31 counting, counting backwards 10-0 , Symmetry in nature (leaves), lighter/heavier,pattern blocks
- at word families (as in bat)
- Letter recognition- Ll. for leaf; Ww for web, Pp pumpkin and Ss for scarecrow

October is a busy month there is so much to learn and so much to do! It is also a time to focus some attention on the season, and fall is a wonderful time to learn about colors! We will learn about pumpkin poetry and songs, as well as learn the nursery rhyme “Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater”. Learning nursery rhymes is a wonderful way to build phonemic awareness and memorization skills. Handwriting this week will focus on making our letters (see above). We will also make a predictable chart by completing the sentence, “ A pumpkin is_____” with a describing word

We will practice “reading” sentences such as “See my black hat” We will make a class book entitled, “Scarecrow, Scarecrow, What Do You See?” The children will write down words (by sounding out letters and writing down only what they hear). This way of writing is called “inventive spelling”, and is great way to begin writing.

Phonemic awareness is knowing spoken words and syllables are made up of a series of discreet sounds. It includes rhythm, rhyme, sounds in words, oral blending, oral segmentation which is breaking the word apart and manipulating sounds in a word (map/cap). In phonics, we will recognize that letters all have different shapes as well as names. Please remember that learning should be fun, not stressful. Stop when your child has had enough (10min). I would also encourage you to share the excitement of literature with your child. Studies have shown that the foundation of literacy is strengthened through the process of being read to in the formative years.

Lastly, we will observe fire safety month, and Halloween. We will have a party Thursday October 29,2009 please come dressed (no scary or violent costumes). Pizza day will be moved to that Thursday!!!

Please return all medical forms to school and change seasonal clothing in your child’s cubby.

As a last reminder I am back on a school schedule (I have to put my daughter on bus in am) so every MTW I leave to pick up my daughter from school and Thursday’s and Friday I’m here till 6:00pm. As always you can reach me by email or a staff member can assist you.

I also would like to thank you for your support during this “budget issue”. To date, a budget has still not been passed and funding is still delayed. We have not been paid for childcare since June 09, with this said I am extremely grateful for your added support with fundraising and supplies!!!!

Thank you,
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