

Kindergarten News

October 24th, 2008

Dear parents,

Your kindergartner has been busy with their fun hands-on October learning activities:

- Pumpkin BINGO (number identification & letters/sounds)
- Fall BINGO (initial/ending sounds of fall objects)
- A Pumpkin Story: Sequencing seed to pumpkin...
- Leaf collecting/sorting/observing
- *October* and *Pumpkin, Pumpkin* poems...letter and word searches
- FALL and Pumpkins Everywhere! (Patterned text books)
- Creating individual October calendars/pattern numbers
- Sequencing Pumpkins (Numbers #1-20+/odd and even #'s)
- TREE Foss kit: observations; labeling tree parts; seasons/changes in weather
- Exploring our 5 Senses through fall
- Pumpkin/Jack-o-lantern Art (symmetry)

NEXT WEEK: more Halloween/Fall learning activities!

- *"What are you going to be for Halloween?"* class book
- Measuring pumpkins, Indian corn, snake and birdhouse gourds using non-standard forms of measurement (unifix cubes)
- Scooping out pumpkin seeds, observations, and sorting seeds into sets of 10
- Acting out and sequencing the events in a favorite Halloween story:
The little old lady who wasn't afraid of anything!
- Ghost counting book
- Stamping Halloween and Fall patterns
- Pumpkin people, skeletons, and monster hands!
- Making spider cookies for our party...AND MUCH MORE!

REMINDERS and INFORMATION

- Again, thank you for coming to the parent/teacher conferences. It was so nice to be able to get to know everyone a bit better, discuss your wonderful children and explain the kindergarten curriculum/assessments a little bit more. Thank you for taking the time to come talk about your children, they are quite amazing!
- October is Fire Safety Month! The firefighters will be visiting kindergarten on Monday, October 27th.
STOP! DROP! ROLL!
- Library books need to be returned by Thursday of each week so our kiddos can check out another book.
- The all school Halloween parade will be next Thursday, October 30th at 1:30pm.(There is NO school on Friday, October 31st due to a district professional development day)
- More details about our class Halloween party will be sent home on Monday!
- We are getting low on snack again. If possible could every child please bring in 2 boxes of snack to replenish our cupboard next month? THANK YOU from our tummies! (crackers, pretzels, fruit...)
- We will begin our next Social Studies content unit in November:
CELEBRATIONS

Kristen, Lori and Nancy

