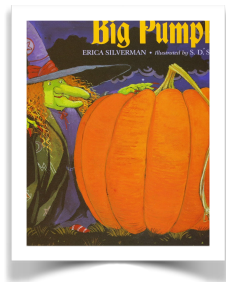


Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

Our Fall Fun unit has begun! The week began with the reading of a traditional rhyme called, In A Dark, Dark Wood. We used spooky voices to read this book and I kept the ending a secret for a few days. As a table top activity, each child had the opportunity to predict how the story would end through drawing and writing.



Following the writing activity, we read our ideas and then finished reading the original ending to the story. Be sure to ask your child what was officially in the box. The children enjoyed reading a book called, *Big Pumpkin*. It was all about a witch who wants to make pumpkin pie but can't get her pumpkin off the vine. Next week the children will complete a sequencing activity placing the characters in order according to when they pulled on the pumpkin.



We used black socks to make cool bats during the week after reading our amazing bat fact books. These awesome bats are hanging in our room making it feel like a bat cave. Maybe you'll be able to stop by

and take a peek some day soon!

We began the week by listening to the letters Hh, Oo and Rr. The sound cards for these letters are as follows; "Hot Soup," "Block O," and "Roaring Lion". The children pretend they are fanning their mouths with hot soup in them for the letter Hh. We formed a building block for the vowel Oo and outlined our mouths with our pointer finger to make the short o vowel sound. One hand goes under our chins like a claw for the letter Rr as we pretend we are roaring lions with sharp claws.

We sponge painted candy corn patterns today. They look beautiful in the hallway.

Math

Our guessing jar had Twix bars in it from last week. Make sure you ask your child how many were in the jar. The children enjoyed playing the copy cat game as well as the Tens game again this week. We are hoping to wrap up the center sheet we have been working on over the past 2 weeks with the following activities; A 5 senses sheet requiring students to sort pictures into correct categories according to specific senses. Bug spot counting, Hippo number match, people/flower math box, lids math box and number match game. Through the use of the math boxes the children have had many opportunities to create groups that compare fewer, more and equal to.

Parent Academy

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Academy. I hope you enjoyed the evening! Dress down coupons are coming home today for the Monday dress down reward.



Bits and Pieces

Nameless Clothing

Please remember to mark all of your child's clothing with his/her name. Many sweaters and sweatshirts are nameless. James' school sweater is still missing. Please check your child's clothing and backpack to see if his got mixed in. Thank you!

Halloween

Halloween is approaching quickly! The children can wear their costumes to school on **Tuesday, October 31st**. Please remember we will be completing our regular schedule in the morning so remind your child it is ok not to wear hats, etc. in the morning. These should be saved for the parade. Masks should be left at home with any plastic swords, guns or extra unnecessary props.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

SCIENCE LAB

Bat fact writing

ALPHABET PROJECT

Hippo Phonological awareness, ocean scene or race track

LISTENING CENTER

Bats on Parade

ABC CENTER

Humpty Dumpty Story board

WRITING

The Witch's Hat; In a Dark Dark Wood prediction writing

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

"Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater"

MATH LAB

Pumpkin seed number groups; Jack-o-lantern counting; candy corn patterns

HANDWRITING

children's practice writing capital and lower case Hh, Oo and Rr

EXTRA FUN

Play Doh, Buddy Reading, IPads, Blocks, Pocket Chart- alphabet initial consonant matching

Religion

We continued to discuss God the Creator. This week our book has been focusing on the creation of animals and how God made us. God has given all of us lots of gifts and talents that we should share with the world. We continue singing the Hail Mary prayer to help us remember the words during this month of the Rosary. We have continue to work on the Glory Be as well. The children are enjoying singing several new songs like Jesus Loves Me and He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. The Promise magazine is in your child's backpack.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders: 7:30 is when the car line begins you can still arrive closer to 7:45 so your child doesn't have to sit on the floor until 7:50. At dismissal, the car line is **finishing up by 3:00**. If your child isn't picked up close to that time, I will bring them to aftercare. Have a great weekend!

A **BIG** thank YOU goes out to the Annandale Fire Fighters for coming to school this week and teaching us about fire safety! Everyone loved looking at the fire engine!

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Halloween Continued

Please contact me if you are unsure of what to let your child bring in with his/her costume. Our class party will begin at approximately 1:00 in our classroom. Details about how you can help will be coming soon. The school parade will begin about 2:00.

Fall Fest I hope on will see you all at the fall fest on Sunday, October 22 from 12-4. I will be there working at the cotton candy machine so make sure to come by and say hi!

Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories have started coming home. These are class books we have written or just books we love. Please read the book with your child and then together tell about your favorite part of the book and include a picture in the journal.

Daily Pouches and Newsletters

Please check the pouches EVERY DAY for notes and papers. Please read the newsletter for important information.