

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

This week we began our NJ Wildlife unit and have been learning about squirrels, bears and owls. We are making science journals that will come home at the end of the unit unless the children decide to put them

in their portfolios. Each page in the journal will be dedicated to an animal found in NJ and will include a fact about it.

We focused our attention on three non-fiction books called, Squirrels, Owls and Bears. These books were very informative. Our poem this week is called, "Busy" and we worked on a new song entitled, "Gray Squirrel". The children also enjoyed the books, Nuts to You and Black Bears .



Our alphabet focus was on the letters; li, Nn and Ww. The children had the opportunity to make their favorite ice cream cone for the letter li or a cute nest with a baby bird for the letter Nn. Everyone made a word wheel for the letter Ww, but we will be saving them for portfolios.

Math

The guessing jar has Jelly Belly lollipops in it this week. The children will be excited to count it. We continue to work on numbers to 10. We have been practicing number writing, story problems and comparing numbers this week. The children started our new math center sheet on Wednesday.



Our science investigation concluded this week with the children comparing their radish plants with mine that are growing in a baggie without soil. Both sets of seeds grew into plants, which surprised the children. The plants that grew in the window were yellow as opposed to the green plants in the soil. We watched the end of the Mystery Science video to explain that if the plants remained without soil they would die. Everyone realized the sun plays an important part in plant growth since all of the plants are a healthy green. I will take care of the plants until the kids can bring them home.

Halloween Fun! Thank you to our room moms, Lauren Carola, Allison Czick and Rebecca Sierputowski for a wonderful party! The children loved the crafts, games and food.

Bits and Pieces

Upcoming No School

No school on

Friday, November

10th for Parent

-Teacher

conferences

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars so you will be available to help at our kindergarten International Festival on Monday, on December 21st. Lots of countries will need help. The day is filled with fun. Maybe you would be willing to help decorate before the event.

Winter Dress Code

Girls may no longer wear skorts only jumpers or pants until spring. No shorts are to be worn either. Also please make sure all hair accessories follow our dress code (Black-watch plaid or solid navy blue, black, hunter green or white)

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

SCIENCE LAB

NJ Wildlife Journal
cover

ALPHABET PROJECTS

Ice cream cones or
nests as well as word
wheels

GAMES AND CHOICES

Vowel matching game,
playdoh

WRITING

Owl facts

UNDERCOVER

Bears like to...
storyboard

POETRY NOTEBOOKS/ LISTENING

"Busy"

HANDWRITING

Children practice
writing capital and
lower case li, Nn and
Ww

DISCOVERY

Bear book page

ART PROJECT

Squirrels and Owls

Religion

We are working on a Ten Commandment song and the kids love it! The children were well behaved in church on all Saints Day and 1st Thursday. In our faith family we decorated seed envelopes that will be used as a garden fundraiser. We will be packaging school-grown seeds to be sold at Mass during Catholic Schools Week and beyond. We also learned about Saint Pope John Paul II and all the wonderful things he accomplished in his lifetime. The children watched a video about veterans and then helped decorate paper that will be put together to make notepads. The notepads will be put in a bag with a pen and candy and given to veterans in the area.

Bits and Pieces

ICS Fall Book Fair

The book fair
Begins Monday,
November 6-
Friday, November
10. It will be
available to
students and
parents
throughout the
week! It is open
from 5:30-6:30 on
Thursday evening.

Thanksgiving break
begins after the
half day on
Wednesday,
November 22nd at
12:15, There is no
aftercare

THANK YOU!

I really appreciate
you sending back
the literacy
pouches on time
yesterday with all
the components. It
really makes my
job easier when
we work together.

**Please label your
child's sweater
and sweatshirt with
their name. Also,
the weather is
turning colder,
please make sure
your child wears
appropriate
outerwear. We
have a lot of
sickness in our
room. Please help
with extra rest and
healthy eating.**