

Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

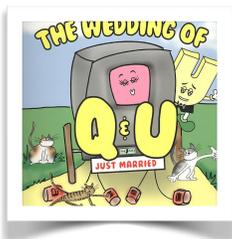
We turned over another vowel this week and learned the two sounds for the letter e. The sound card for the letter K is called cracking nut just like the letter C. We spent a few minutes talking about the cat/kite rule when trying to figure out when to use c or k at the start of words. I showed them a poster

about the rule they can use when they are writing. We also looked at the letter Qq and that sound card is called, Quacking Duck. The children discovered that q and u have gotten married through the reading of the book, The Marriage of Q and U. Q never shows up in a word without its partner u. This week we read a wordless book called, In The Woods, which allowed us to explore many types of plants and wildlife that live in our woods. We followed up this book by making beautiful wildlife collages. The children also enjoyed reading two

books about Raccoons that taught us a lot about these nocturnal creatures. We began making cute raccoons to hang in the hallway. We also read the book, Animal Homes. Throughout the reading we discussed which animals were wild as well as which ones live in NJ. Together we enjoyed discussing the animals in the book, In the Forest, that live around here. Next week we look forward to the culminating event of the NJ Wildlife unit with a track trapping expedition. The children love singing our songs, "Gray Squirrel" and "Mr. Turkey". Ask your child to sing them for you. This week we watched two awesome videos about forest wildlife and food chains. The seed investigation we did helped the children understand how important the sun is for plants and how it impacts food chains.

Math

We began a new center sheet last week. We made American Indian corn patterns today and it will look great when I hang in up the hallway. Here are a list of the activities the children have been working on; bear dot to dot, acorn counting, stack tell spin and win game, leaf ten frames, and turkey number ordering. Stack tell spin and win is a game that involves comparing greater than and less then. Everyone enjoyed playing the game against me and can't wait to play it in the classroom next week. Sometimes children have a hard time accepting that the person with no cubes left is the winner!



Bits and Pieces

Thanksgiving Break

Please let me know if your child will not be in school on Wednesday before Thanksgiving break, so I can send home a card that is being made by your child before the holiday. Thanks!

No School tomorrow 11/10 Parent-Teacher Conferences. Book Fair is Open!

Coats

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.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

SCIENCE LAB

NJ Wildlife collage;
make your own food
chain

ALPHABET PROJECT

Kangaroo phonological
awareness activity and
Elmer the Elephant

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Raccoon Fact Writing
and Project

WRITING

children practice writing
capital and lower case
Ee, Kk, and Qq.

DISCOVERY

Scholastic News

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

"Leaves"

ABC CENTER

Quail using the letter Q

ART FUN

Turkeys

EXTRA FUN

Play doh and buddy
reading

Religion

In religion this week, we discussed our five senses. The children enjoyed talking about their five senses again. We talked about our senses being a gift from God. We also enjoyed talking about how we each have different gifts and talents. The children were amazed to discover no one in the world has the same fingerprint as anyone else. We continue to sing "The Ten Commandments." Our Promise magazine was looked at today to get ready for the Gospel reading this weekend.



Bits and Pieces

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars so you will be available to help at our kindergarten International Festival on Tuesday, December 19th. Lots of countries will need help. The day is filled with fun. Maybe you would be willing to help decorate before the event.

SPIRIT WEAR

The spirit wear store is open. There are specific dress down days for wearing spirit wear so you may want to consider buying something for your child.

Friendsgiving

Friday,
November 17th
is the special
Thanksgiving
luncheon.