



# Kinder'garden' News

## November 15, 2009



### *American Education Week Greetings!*

We are looking forward to the smiles and interest our visitors will bring to our Kinder'garden' room this week after they are greeted at the front entrance. Greeters will show visitors where to SIGN-IN to receive their Visitor's Name Tag and invite visitors to leave a school COMMENT SHEET at the end of their visit. We will also be glad if our Room 10 visitors do the SAME at our Room 10 Entrance (sign-in sheet) and Kinder'garden' Comments container (picket fence basket).

Our Fall Unit is continuing with a focus on defining Harvest, discovering what is harvested in Harford County, recognizing how apples and pumpkins grow, and comparing their growth. We will put together a cornucopia of harvested items, observe and create a corn cob with finger painting, label a pumpkin diagram using careful observations with 2 senses - sight and touch, and sketch a special apple discovery. We will extend our scientific discoveries to include a third sense as we conduct taste tests for corn products and different apple colors. After predicting the outcomes, we will graph and compare the results of what our tasting tongues tell.

In ILA this week we will review and strengthen the recent skills from our Storytown 'Friends at School' theme. In addition, our phonics focus will be word building with -ap and -an words; **he** and **of** will be added to our high frequency words; characters and summarizing will be our comprehension focus; and writing will be in the form of seasonal sentences.

In Math we will extend our recent Mighty Mathematicians skill work with a Roll and Record game to include number writing and double dice addition for matching and graphing numbers; Domino Math Match to count and add the domino dots to find the matched sum; Gator Squeezing to include higher numbers and giving clearer clues for when a guessed number is higher/greater/bigger than or lower/less/smaller than the mystery number; Estimating to get closer and closer to making a good guess with numbers; and Measuring to practice careful positioning and counting of common objects to match an item's length.

### **Things to Know x 7**

**American Education Week** - we look forward to having a visitor from each family on Monday or Tuesday. If work schedules are too challenging, consider inviting a relative or adult friend. If Monday and Tuesday are too challenging, come in on Wednesday or beyond. There will be a sign in greeter at the office entrance, and an additional sheet at our front door - please make sure that the visiting adult knows to mark our sheet too! We want to remember and celebrate the many Kinder'garden' adult visitors that join us in Room 10 and our Specials locations during American Education Week.

**Pink Homework** - the recent high frequency/sight word homework sheets that have been white, will now be pink through the rest of the year. The tracing models on the white have been clear, and I am glad that families know the structure of the tasks. The tracing models on the pink are very faint, and the star homework logo is not included. Please guide your child in an accurate start for forming and printing the letters in each word. Reminder - leaving spaces between each word is a skill that is expected to be applied to all writing tasks. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support and increase your child's writing success.

**Assembly Kudos** - to your child and their classmates for star audience manners during last Thursday's Blues Assembly brought to us by the PTA. We enjoyed music intertwined with history and modern connections, and gained an appreciation for a blues musician making the most of the variety of interesting instruments shared.

**Food Kudos** - to families for supporting this year's Harvest for the Hungry campaign. Our class contributed 174 items! (involving lots of pounds) towards the school goal. Look for school results in upcoming Gator Aids.

**Early Dismissal** - on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

**Barnes & Noble Night** - I will be participating in this special YBES PTA evening event on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> in Bel Air. I hope to see many Kinder'garden' friends and families that evening. Details will soon be shared in the Gator Aide.

**Winter Celebration** - our Room 10 classroom celebration will be on Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>, in the morning. All are welcome! Details will be shared in December.

*Thank you for your support*

*With smiles and sunshine wishes*



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