



Kinder'garden' News



November 2, 2009

As we begin our November learnings, we will wrap up our Kids Choice Unit. We will gain facts about the American Flag and create one to complete our 4 symbol rotations. At Friday's dismissal time, Wednesday's Liberty Crowns and Torches lit the way for Friday's cracked Liberty Bells to ring along the path that last Monday's Eagles flew. This week will also include a vote for our 2nd Star Jar Celebration. Students will be giving reasons for nominating a return of 100 Acre Wood characters (who demonstrate responsibility in a video and a movement game) or the Swamp Stomp characters (who use movement that includes patterns, rhythm, and balance to exercise in creative ways). Tuesday's vote will determine Wednesday's Star Jar video for Wednesday's early dismissal.

In ILA our 'Literacy Learners' will strengthen skills with the books and words previously shared during the start of our Friends at School Theme. In addition to making predictions, the use of Story Structures for identifying who the story is about (characters), where the story takes place (setting), and what happens first, next, and last (event order) will be used to help us retell stories. Our Word Work will focus on rhyming (recognizing words with the same ending sound), blending letter Aa with other known letters for reading and segmenting it for writing; practicing our previous high frequency sight words with the addition of the words **am** and **at**; and reviewing Robust Vocabulary from the Friends Theme.

In Math, our 'Mighty Mathematicians' will work in number books to show careful numeral formation and correct sets of objects to match each number. We will record dice roll dot counts with number tracings to create a bar graph of the results. As we approach 50 days in school, we continue to practice counting forward and backwards and by tens to match our days in school.

Things to Know x 7

Harvest for the Hungry Donations: We enjoyed seeing two teen towers last week when we counted and graphed our Caring Kids cans, boxes, and packages. Our total count has almost reached 80 items. Our friends are excited about the idea that with more participation, we can raise the bar even higher in the next several days. They expect to pass 100 this week and still hope to beat last year's record of 183. Thanks to all who are daily sending an item or two, and to those who will be adding in this week. Items can also be brought in by parents on Thursday - our collection box will be outside our classroom door during conferences.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: I look forward to meeting with you during our scheduled time on Thursday.

Web Site Info: Our new Room 10 November Events and Volunteer Calendar can be found next to our newsletter tab.

Star Choices: are being better demonstrated in the lunch room, Specials, and with other teachers. I am pleased to find that Kinder'garden' friends are again helping each other to shine when I'm not with them. Thanks to all who have reinforced and encouraged your child to be a star wherever they are! Please continue!! November's Star Citizen trait for encouraging and reinforcing is **Responsibility**.

Home Library Building: Another round of Scholastic flyers were in Thursday's clear folder = SeeSaw K-1 December 2009 and Click Holiday 2009. Books make great holiday gifts! Orders submitted before November 12th are expected before December. This round's items can be picked up or paper wrapped to keep curious Kinder eyes from knowing any gifting surprises :). If you are interested in placing an order, there are again two avenues to choose from:

1. You can visit www.scholastic.com to explore the two flyers above and the earlier Just Right for Kids Books K-2 selections that are still available within our club account. To order on-line enter the username *growingreaders* and the password *bloom*.
2. You may place your order form with a check in your child's Gator folder before the designated due date.

Little Paper Books Library: If you haven't already done so, please consider having a bin (a shoe box works well!) for the small copied and Weekly Reader booklets your child will bring home. Labeling the bin or box with "I can read!" or "Friend (their name) can read!" is also recommended. Our recent Weekly Reader rhyme and number booklet is one of many that will be sent home during the Kinder year for enjoying and rereading. Folding the taller Weekly Reader newspapers is another source for their 'can read' bin.

American Education Week: is the week of November 16th. More details to follow in the upcoming Gator Aids.

Thank you for your support

With smiles and sunshine wishes



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