



## November News from the Bear Cave

Happy Fall! We are enjoying our “Fall Changes” unit. We will identify parts of a tree, identify it as deciduous or evergreen, and tell why it is alive. We will also define harvest and explore what is harvested in Harford County during fall. Our Fall Harvest concepts will be brought to a fun culmination at the end of the month, as we will enjoy a feast with friends from Mrs. Tognocchi’s class.

In ILA, we will be exploring non-fiction literature. We will recognize how authors use different colors and types of print to help us understand information. We will also recognize labels and diagrams and discuss how authors use them to help us understand the text. We will continue to read our sightwords, and we will learn to read the new words he, of, come, here, this, and at. We will recognize and identify letter sounds in words. We will identify the beginning, middle, and end of our Harcourt Storytown stories. We will read our sight words and decode new words in our small books. We will talk about the meanings of the fancy robust words gigantic, glum, precise, and complain when we encounter the words in our texts. At writing time, we will write sentences and stretch spell endings to fall stories.

At Math time, we will learn to use the pan balance scale to weigh things as we begin to explore measurement. We will continue our study of numbers as we use objects to add and subtract.

I am looking forward to speaking with all of our parents on Conference Day. All parents are planning to attend, so our children are sure to succeed with such caring, involved, concerned parents on their side. Thank you to all of the parents for working so cooperatively with me. Together we will bring our children a great kindergarten education.

#### THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> is Grandparents Day. All parents and grandparents are welcome to visit our classroom. We would love to see you!
- Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> is Kindergarten Visitation Day. Stop by and learn with us!
- Please remind all visitors to avoid our lunch and rest time during their visits (11:45-12:45).
- Please continue to practice putting on, zipping, and buttoning coats with your child. We will go outside every day (unless it is snowing or raining). I like helping the children with coats, but some of our free play period is lost when we take a long time to bundle up!
- November 25<sup>th</sup> is a 1:30 early dismissal day.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> is a 1:00 early dismissal day.

- School will be closed November 5-6 and 27-28.



Happy Thanksgiving!