

# Kindergarten News

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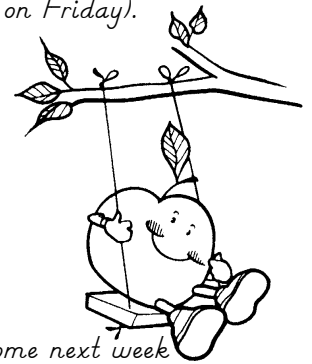
Dear Parents,

## THIS WEEK WE ACCOMPLISHED:

- We learned the sounds for f, b, ai.. We continue to practice all of the sounds taught so far. We have been making many words. Please continue to reinforce this at home. The children that are practicing daily at home are having a much easier time with writing the words than those who are not practicing. I will be testing the children on all of the sounds taught early next week. PLEASE spend the extra time daily with your child on this. I am trying to build the 'roots' for reading and writing.
- We had an apple day. A very special thank you to our parent helpers. In the AM: Mrs. Bollnow and Mrs. Laue. In the PM: Mr. Harris and Mrs. Grimm (science aide). I couldn't have done it without all of the extra hands, thank you! We graphed our apples on the floor graph; estimated and measured the circumference of an apple; weighed an apple using the balance scale; made apple prints using red, yellow and green paint; colored an apple our favorite apple color and graphed; and completed an Apple Booklet. We also ate our apples after we dug out all of the seeds. We used the seeds to count and make a paper apple with. These are hanging in our room.
- We completed an Apple Happy booklet which was sent home. Please have your child 'read' this to you. Be sure that he points to each word as he reads it.
- Some stations included: making water colored leaves for our class tree; making patterns with quilt squares; coloring a scarecrow for our door; and listening to Rock, Chicka, Boom at the listening center.
- We had a pocket day. We took one unifix cube for each pocket we wore. We then made towers out of them and tried to find a person who had more than, less than and the equal amount of our tower. We then graphed the number of pockets we each had by using our bodies and towers!
- Please remember that Homework Notebooks come home with an assignment every Tuesday and Thursday. If there is no homework for the night, a note, glued into the book will state that. We are still working on gluing the homework on the very next page!
- Next week I will be sending home the Homework Writing Books. I will send these home on Monday, and this week only they need to be brought back, completed, by Thursday (we do not have school on Friday).
- We will also begin introducing 'Tricky Words' (sight words).

## NEXT WEEK:

- Thursday, October 4: LEHSO Sock Hop, 6:30-9:00 PM.
- Friday, October 5: NO SCHOOL—teacher institute
- Monday, October 8: NO SCHOOL—Columbus Day
- Tuesday, October 2: Picture day—envelopes were sent home yesterday
- Thursday, October 18: Johansen's Pumpkin Farm trip—permission slips will be sent home next week
- Monday, October 30: All kindergarten Halloween Parties (due to a half day on the 31<sup>st</sup>)



Read Aloud,

Joanne Johnson