



Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Kristina

November 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed their October break. It was nice to see the pictures of your adventures and have everyone share what they did over the break. We jumped right back into the swing of things with Halloween last week. We had fun carving pumpkins, bobbing for apples, making mummies, and collecting candy from the piñata. Next up is our Thanksgiving performance. We have been busy practicing our dances and are excited to perform for you in a few weeks!

Check out the Google drive for pictures on what we have been up to. Have a lovely weekend!

What we are learning:

Language:

We continue to learn new sounds every week. We also started our Guided Reading and Writing Skills groups this week. Guided reading is an instructional approach that involves Ms. Jennifer working with a small group of readers. Each month we will read a book in our small group. In the very beginning stages it a simple decodable book where we will enjoy the pictures, talk about the story, and find some letters or words we might know. This process builds the children's confidence, and helps them see themselves as readers. Writing Skills with Ms. Kristina involves practicing letter formation, recognizing sounds, writing sounds and word building through interactive writing activities.

Math:

We have moved on to teen numbers in Kindergarten! Our tally mark practice this week involved a fun treat, we used salty pretzel sticks as tally marks. We continue to practice counting, number formation and putting numbers in order.

Theme:

Halloween

Our poem, The Itsy Bitsy Spider, was about an itsy bitsy spider who makes a bed for himself on someone's head. The kids enjoyed singing about spiders in their heads and the teachers were happy that we were singing about spiders making beds in our heads and not lice! :)

Feelings

This week we learned about feelings. We discussed how we can impact the feelings of others. We all have feelings and sometimes our behavior impacts the feelings of those around us. This was a really interesting lesson and I enjoyed hearing the children share their thoughts. It was also sweet to hear that if their friend was having a hard or bad day, what they could do to impact the friend's feelings.

Reminders:

- ★ Bring Thanksgiving costume in labeled bag by November 18- *Black long pants/leggings(no logos/pictures), black long sleeve shirts(no logos/pictures)*
- ★ Homework, library book and weekly reflection sheet due on Tuesdays
- ★ Clean out cubbies every Friday
- ★ No toys at school

Important dates:

- ★ November 18: 50th Day of School and Thanksgiving Costume Due
- ★ November 20: Last Day of Gym/Swim
- ★ November 22: Scholastic Book Order Due
- ★ November 27: No Gym/Swim
- ★ November 28: Thanksgiving Performance 11:00am at Akropolis