

# November



## Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

### Important Dates

11/4 & 11/7 -  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
AND  
Book Fair at the  
PC  
11/11 -  
Early Release  
11/27 - 11/29  
Thanksgiving  
Break

### Classroom News

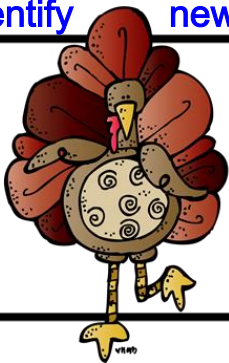
This week was so much fun! The children loved showing off their costumes for Halloween. I am thrilled that they are able to dress up for school! We played bingo, had many Halloween literacy and math center games to choose from, listened to spooky music and read lots of Halloween stories. We watched "Spookley the Square Pumpkin" and talked about shapes.

Pajama day was great today! We had our PBIS assembly but did not win an award this month. That's okay, we will keep trying! We talked about the seasons and watched "The First Snow of Winter" even though it isn't winter here yet. It sure feels like it! We ended the day with time to play any of the games we didn't get to and play time in the activity room.

### Birthdays

**Avari**  
**November 6**  
**Dawson**  
**November 29**

Literacy Tip: Lots of little books are coming home with your child today! Work on looking for sight words, having your child point to each word as he/she reads, and using the picture to identify new words.



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## Reminders

Please remember to send warm winter gear with your child. Extra pairs of mittens and socks can be sent as well. Our school rule is that all children wear their snow pants on the bus and if they are getting picked up it is their choice. Thank You for your help and understanding!



## Conferences

Conferences are next Monday and Thursday! I am looking forward to talking to you more about all of the neat things your child is doing! You are welcome to bring your kindergartener and/or siblings along. If you need to reschedule please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you and see you next week!

## Here's What We Learned

**Literacy:** Our new sight words this week were is and go. We counted syllables in words, identified beginning sounds in words, and read lots of little books together.

**Math:** We learned about estimation, worked on number stories, played dice games, graphed, and identified numbers on single and double ten frames.

**Writer's Workshop:** We are working hard on writing the sounds we hear in words. We talked about drawing our best and then moving on even if it's not perfect. The children are getting really excited to be stretching out sounds to write words.

**Handwriting:** We worked on the capital letters H, K, L, and U. I am sending home a sheet with the correct formation and room to practice together. Starting good writing habits early is so important.

**Play Time:** Lots of negotiating and taking turns has been taking place. The kitchen area was quite popular as I added new items but now the children seem to be trying a lot more of the games and building supplies. We are working hard on identifying problems as big, medium, small, or not my problem. The children can take a break in one of our quiet spaces and have solution cards to refer to when they need help solving problems with peers. Children learn so much through play and it's amazing to see how much they are able to figure out on their own!