

November



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

11/11 -
Early Release

11/12 - 50th Day!

11/27 - 11/29
Thanksgiving Break



Classroom News

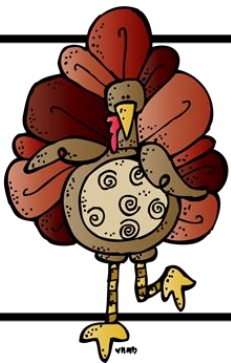
This week we read Thank You, Omul for Read for the Record. I am sending home more information about this today. It was a great story and we talked about showing gratitude in different ways. We made crazy turkeys with strips of paper, read about a scarecrow and drew our own scarecrows. Today we celebrated National STEM Day! Check out the pictures of the kindergartners hard at work!

Birthdays

Avari
November 6
Dawson
November 29



Literacy Tip:



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50th Day of School!

Next Tuesday, November 12 we will celebrate the 50th Day of School! A note is coming home today with ideas for your child if he/she would like to dress up. This is optional but we will all celebrate this achievement with lots of fun activities throughout the day. Please do not feel you need to go out and buy anything! Many children choose not to dress up and that's just fine. I am looking forward to a fun day!

National STEM Day

Today the children worked in groups of 3 or 4 to make baskets to carry our class gourds. We talked about what a basket needs to have (a handle, sides, a sturdy bottom) and the children worked together to create their baskets. We tested them out and talked about revising our plans if they don't work. The children did quite well for their first experience working as a team. We had some very interesting baskets!



Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new sight words this week were **we** and **little**. We counted syllables in words, identified beginning sounds in words, and read lots of little books together. We worked on stretching out sounds to match pictures to words. Our first journals came home and we started our second journal. We write every morning to start our day.

Math: We made estimates using the estimation jar and sent it home with the first friend! We had fun painting symmetry pictures, identifying things with symmetry, playing a dice game and graphing our results, and we were introduced to the pan balance. Numbers 0-10 books were sent home and we started our 11-20 books.

Writer's Workshop: We are working hard on writing the sound we hear in words. It's been fun conferencing with the kids this week and hearing all of their story ideas! We talked a lot about trying to have a beginning, middle, and end.

Handwriting: We worked on the capital letters V, W, X, Y, and Z. These were the last of the starting corner capital letters. Next week we will review the starting corner capital letters and move on to center starting capitals.

Computer Lab: This week the children played math and literacy games on ABCya. I helped them get to the district page and then gave directions about what to click on. I had the children do the clicking and moving the mouse and guided them through it one-on-one as needed. They're getting better but learning to use the mouse takes a lot of practice!

