

November



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

11/27 - 11/29
Thanksgiving
Break

12/9
Early Release
at 12:30

Classroom News

On Monday we talked about the importance of Veteran's Day. I hope your child brought home the little book to read with you!

This week the children worked hard to get all of their snow clothes on independently. They are able to do most off it on their own! Hopefully the snow will be gone and we won't have to worry about snow gear again for a while.

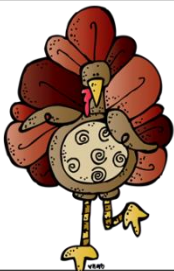
We are almost at another 100 gold coin celebration! We are working to earn a doodle party. This will be in the gym and will be a chance to draw and talk to children from all of the other kindergarten classes.

Today we had fun reading Turkey Trouble and drawing beautiful turkeys. Next week we will read a lot of books about Thanksgiving and do a few more projects.

Birthdays

Avari
November 6
Dawson
November 29

Literacy Tip: Check out the Epic website and RazKids for lots of great books for you to read with your child. RazKids has leveled books so you can choose level A and try more challenging books as your child is ready.



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Camp Time

This week we started literacy and math camp. This gives our students a chance to get extra help if they need it. It also allows the children to get extra practice with literacy and math skills in small centers if they do not need extra teacher instruction. Students who need enrichment are given the opportunity to work with peers on more challenging literacy and math skills. Please let me know if you have any questions. We review data and make changes to groups throughout the year as needed. It's a lot of fun!



Book Orders

Please get in any book orders by Monday. I will be placing the order Monday afternoon and next week will send home the December and gift book fliers. There will be just this one and one more order placed before Christmas so make sure to check them out for great books for reasonable prices!

Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new sight words this week were can and down. We worked on identifying beginning sounds in words. We stretched out the words and wrote all of the sounds we heard.

Math: We sent the estimating jar home this week and are having so much fun making estimates. We used the pan balance, learned a domino game to match the number of dots to a number card, and played some fun games with numbers to 50 to celebrate the 50th day of school.

Handwriting: We reviewed H,K,L,U,V,W,X, and Y. We learned the letters C, O, Q, and G.

Science: This week we began our unit about animals and their survival needs. Our first lesson was called, "Why does a woodpecker peck wood. We learned how every animal has the need to find food. When we see animals in the wild, very often they are looking for food.

You can encourage your child's curiosity at home! It's great for a child to have the experience of keeping and helping sustain a critter that's been caught outside. It could be as simple as keeping a bug in a jar, even just for a couple of days. Don't do the work for your child, ask them what kinds of things the creature might need. You can guide them to see that it may need holes poked in a lid (for air).

Together, you can search Google to find out what the animal eats, and your child can go out and find food to give it.

Here's a link to what we learned:

<https://mysteryscience.com/secrets/mystery-1/animal-needs-food/115?t=student>