

November



Ms. Hurley's Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Dates

11/27 - 11/29
Thanksgiving
Break

12/9
Early Release
at 12:30

Classroom News

We had fun listening to the 2nd graders practice for their music program on Thursday! We celebrated another 100 gold coins with an all-school doodle party in the gym!

Today our STEM challenge was to build a turkey hideaway. The children worked in groups of 2 or 3 and were able to use connecting cubes and wooden blocks. They had some creative ideas! The children are learning how to work together and to be okay with not always being able to complete a challenge.

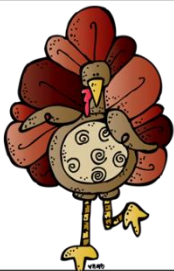
Sometimes we have to come up with a second plan when the first doesn't work! These challenges help children learn to communicate better with one another and to persevere instead of giving up when something is difficult.



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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Here's What We Learned

Literacy: Our new sight words this week were **see** and **not**. We worked on identifying beginning sounds in words. We stretched out the words and wrote all of the sounds we heard.

Math: We played lots of games! Domino concentration (a copy was sent home), monster squeeze (the Thanksgiving version came home), and number card games. We measured using objects in our classroom and had fun using cubes to measure with. We finished our number book of teen numbers and started numbers 21-30!

Handwriting: We finished uppercase letters and learned S, A, I, T, and J. Next week we will review and be ready to start lowercase letters after Thanksgiving!

Science: This week we continued our unit about animals and their survival needs. Our lesson was called, "How can you find animals in the woods?" We learned how every animal has the need to seek safety. When we see animals in the wild, very often they are seeking safety.



PTO News

Our K-5 PTO is very excited about 2 upcoming events! A double-sided flyer will come home after Thanksgiving Break. Please mark your calendars for the following:

*Craft Night is Monday, December 9th from 5:30-8:00 at the IC in the cafeteria.

*Playtime Productions performs Ali Baba and A Few Thieves on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. Cost is \$2.50/person.

You can encourage your child's curiosity at home! It's great if you can go out for a walk or hike. Whether in a wilderness area or even just a nearby park, there are always animals to be spotted. When you see an animal (such as a bird or squirrel), ask your child, "Why do so many animals not let us get too close?" You can remind them of the connection between seeking safety, and why animals run from us. (We are usually larger than them, and they are afraid we might harm them, even if we don't mean any harm.) Then pose a challenge: how close can you get to an animal that otherwise might run away? Suggest that your child try approaching very slowly and quietly. They might be surprised that it is possible to get closer! Here is a link if you'd like to learn more! [Student Link](#)