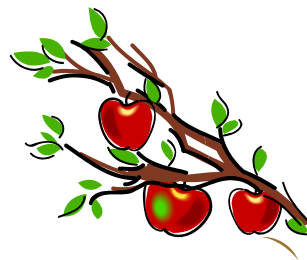


Kindergarten Connection

Northland Early Learning Center

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This Week

We began our new unit, Fall and Farm, with apple fun! The children were excited to share their family apple taste tests. Each child came up with a different way to show the results. Thanks for encouraging your child's creativity! Their apples were sorted by different attributes (color, stem, size), measured for weight, and circumference. We used these apples to make applesauce. Yum!

We will learn about farm animals also. Our focus this week was the owl. We learned how to spell owl by remembering that o and w together make the "ow" sound. In addition, we learned all sorts of interesting owl facts and have even begun making a book that we will fill with amazing farm animal information that will be brought home at the end of our unit.

Mrs. Wishy-Washy was a book that we read this week. Fun farm animals and mud make this story silly. "Mud" was our poem this week. We gave the children the chance to squish their toes in some mud just like the poem! We also played with some "mud" play dough.

Our letter for the week was Ff. Letter Aa was introduced with the short and long sounds. Our sight word was is. Please make sure you are working with your child on sight words (the, you, and, is). They are already reading them in their reading books and finding them in our poems and other charts in class. Hunting for them in the books you read or the newspaper or signs on the road make for fun reinforcement!

You may begin hearing your child reciting Bible verses. We have begun to prepare for our Thanksgiving program by introducing the students to Psalm 95:1-7. We know it seems early, but Thanksgiving is just around the corner!

Monday's Mission

Due Tue, Oct. 10

1. Find 5 things that start with "f". Draw a picture of them and write their name beside the picture.
2. Choose a minimum of **2** of the math workbook pages and do the homework sides.
3. Read and illustrate the poem "Mud".
4. Challenge project! Can you **make** a game to help us practice our numbers or counting? Please bring it into school and teach us how to play!

Calendar

Tues, Oct. 17 – No School
Tues, Oct. 24-27 – Book Fair
Wed, Oct. 25– Family Night 6-7:30 pm
Fri, Oct. 27 - Pumpkin Exploration Day
Mon, Nov. 13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Fri, Nov. 17 - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play- Noon
Nov. 20-24 – No School

A Note From Mrs. Martin -In music class, the children have been focusing on steady beat. They have been practicing how to play a steady beat with instruments, body movements, and moving with scarves to fun music from the 80's. They have also worked on learning the difference in dynamics in music of soft and loud sounds. They loved using their voices to sing soft lullabies and then singing loudly with their strong voices. They had fun creating their own "Surprise Symphony" by playing loud and quiet instruments.

In the next few weeks, they will be learning difference in music tempos, fast and slow. Listening and playing instruments to sounds of train songs and playing different instruments in a drum circle will be different ways that they will get to experiment with and learn to play the different tempos.