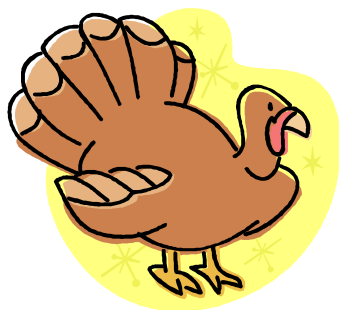


# November Newsletter



Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank those of you who volunteered your time and services to help make our Field Trip and the Halloween party so special. Everyone had a great time.

Thank you also to Firefighter Tommy (Dylan Henry's dad) for taking the time to visit our school and teaching our kindergarten students about fire safety. We enjoyed your presentation. It was a valuable lesson for everyone.

The month of November is a very busy one for kindergarten. It is also very short. Our weather is changing and children will soon be bringing in hats, coats, and mittens. Please label all items. Children should practice putting on their own coats at home. Also, practice buttoning and zipping.

We will have conferences with parents on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Conference days are early release days and students will be released for the day after lunch at 12:25. If you cannot make the conference appointment, let us know and we will reschedule. This conference is a very important one for us. We look forward to talking with each parent at conference time. We hope we can exchange information about your child so that we will know him/her a little better when the conference is finished. Conferences are scheduled back to back; please be on time.

Thank you for accepting the responsibility of checking and emptying your child's folder every day. Homework is sent home every day, Monday through Thursday. Remind your child to put his/her name on every paper.

Our students look forward to a morning snack . Please continue to send a healthy snack to school for your child. If you would like to send in additional snacks for children that might not have brought one it would be appreciated.

We will continue to do assessments of your child's skills so that we can plan for better instruction. We will discuss the results at our conferences.

The new marking period has just begun.

- In Social Studies we will learn about tools that are used to describe the Earth's surface. We will look at pictures, maps and globes.
- In Science we are learning about the basic needs of plants and animals. We will construct a variety of life cycles.
- In Reading we will learn about story elements, predictions, and retelling. We will describe relationships between pictures and text. We will continue to work on correct letter formation. We will continue to read and write word wall words.
- In Math we learn the relationship between numbers and quantity. We will make comparisons of set of objects using the vocabulary words, *more, less, greater, fewer* and *equal*.

*Go for the Gold* Reading Incentive Program begins this month. Look for a calendar packet to keep track of the minutes you and your child read each week in your child's Wednesday folder. The first calendar should be turned in at the end of the month to your child's teacher to receive a prize based on the number of minutes he/she read. Happy reading!

We look forward to talking with you at our conference.

Sincerely,  
The Kindergarten Team