



Kindergarten News

October



Dates to Remember:

- **Halloween Party**
Friday, October 30th,
Parade 2:00 pm.
We ask that younger siblings do not attend the classroom Halloween parties.
- There will be no school for students on **Monday, November 2nd.**
- **Kindergarten Literacy Night: Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00.**
- **Parent Conferences on Wednesday, November 11th & Thursday, the 12th.** These will be early release days for students.

Reminders/Thank You

- Thank you for the items that have been sent in for the super-market.
- Please have your child read the guided reading book he/she brings home and make sure the book is returned the very next day.
- As the weather gets cooler please label all outer wear with your child's name.
- Please practice zipping & buttoning coats with your child!

Language Arts

This month in reading and language arts students will be able to show why letters are important in learning to read and write. We will continue to review syllabification. We have incorporated the Supermarket through literature and language skills such as identifying where a given letter sound appears in a word. We have read familiar stories including "The Three Little Pigs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" to examine story elements such as characterization, setting and beginning, middle and end. Already we have made excellent predictions during read-aloud sessions. We have also been discussing some pre-reading strategies such as previewing the pictures, thinking about what you already know about the topic, solving unknown words and making connections. We will hunt for rhyming words within the poetry and movement songs used throughout the day. We are already becoming experts at han-

dling the routines within our literacy centers. While students work at centers the teachers are conducting guided reading groups.

Writers Workshop

We have been learning to revise our writing by rereading and by adding words and periods. We continue to encourage students to stretch out words so they can write the sounds they hear. We encourage students to spell high frequency words correctly as they write.

Mathematics

We continue to review positional words, to sort and graph and to work with patterns. We have used many items to create patterns including Fall objects. We have begun to assess the students in the aforementioned areas. Please continue to practice these Quarter 1 skills at home.

Proud Panthers

The children are making good progress demonstrating responsibility and understanding of classroom rules. Each class has developed its own set of classroom rules that connects directly with Ritchie Park's PAVE values. Mrs. Capoccia, our school counselor will begin to introduce the school's "Stop And Think Program" soon. It is designed to nurture our students' social skills. The kindergarten children have learned many new routines. They are growing accustomed to following the Ritchie Park rules designed to foster a calm and respectful atmosphere. We are very proud of them!!

