



November 2009

November News

Dear Families,

The kindergarten students have settled into their classes and have made new friends. Our field trip to Homestead Farm was filled with the excitement of the pumpkin patch as well as learning about a farm. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned on this field trip!

Homework began in October with the assignment of reading to your child every night. This month, in addition to nightly reading, a poem will be included in the weekly homework. There will be a small amount of writing with this poem. The instructions will be sent home with the homework. Look for it on Mondays. Also, please remember homework is due on Fridays!

The second Family Math Day will be on Friday, November 6th. This will be an interactive, hands-on learning experience for you and your child. You will learn math activities that you can do at home with your child. We ask that siblings not attend so you can spend time quality time with your child. We hope to see everyone on this important afternoon!

Parent conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th. You should have already signed up for a conference time. If not, please contact your child's teacher soon! At this conference, you will learn what your child has been doing in kindergarten as well as the assessments taken in reading and math. We look forward to talking with you!

This month in reading we will focus on reading to be informed. The children will learn how to make predictions and connections which will help them understand the text. We will also continue lessons to help develop their writing skills in Writing Workshop.

We will begin our second math unit during the first week in November. The children will concentrate on counting and comparing numbers. They will also learn about odd and even numbers, representing numbers in a variety of ways, and using ordinal numbers.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team

Important dates:

Tuesday, November 3	PTA meeting 7:00pm
Friday, November 6	Family Math Day 2:30-3:15
Wednesday, November 11	Early dismissal 12:55 Parent conferences
Thursday, November 12	Early dismissal 12:55 Parent Conferences
Tuesday, November 17	Town Hall Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, November 25	Early dismissal 12:55
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holiday

