

# Kindergarten Monthly News

## November 2009



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### Math Update

We have been busy assessing the topics (position words, classification, patterns, and graphing) taught in quarter one and will begin focusing on developing number sense and reading and writing numerals.

Please support your child by noticing and discussing numbers they see in their environment.

### Science & Social Studies Updates

In science, we continue to use our senses to identify and learn about weather. We will start our study of living things by looking at how the changing seasons affect plants.

In social studies we continue to learn about the symbols of the United States.

### Reading and Language Arts Update

We will enjoy books (fiction and non-fiction), poems, and songs throughout the month about fall, family, and Thanksgiving. Learning centers (independent learning activities) and small guided reading groups (instruction geared for your child's needs/strengths) are on-going.

During shared reading, students will continue to make predictions about stories; use pictures to help understand what they are reading; and identify characters (who) and setting (where/time the story takes place) for retelling. We will also begin working on identifying rhyming words and looking at spelling patterns as we read and write.

We continue to work on learning high frequency words and using sound spelling to write a sentence. Students are working at remembering to begin sentences with uppercase letters, put spaces between words and to end their sentences with a period. Writing is very difficult! Please remember to praise them for their wonderful efforts.

## PARENTS!

If you would like to volunteer in your child's class, please contact his/her teacher!

### Upcoming Events

- ☺ **November 11th and 12th**
  - ◆ Early Release Day - Parent Conferences
- ☺ **November 24th**
  - ◆ Turkey Time - Look for Details Later this Month
- ☺ **November 25th**
  - ◆ Early Release Day
- ☺ **November 26th and 27th**
  - ◆ Thanksgiving

