

# Mrs. Kim's K-News

November 20, 2009

Dear Families,

It was so good to see all of you during the conferences. I personally would like to thank you so much for arriving on time and respecting the time of others. You made it very easy for me. Thank you. If you would like to have another conference in the future, please email me. If you have any questions, please email me.

I have a couple of important news to share with you at the end of the newsletter regarding what will happen after the Thanksgiving week. Also, this newsletter contains what the students will be learning next week.

The following are the objectives the students learned in my class:

## Language Arts:

In Q2, the focus is mostly on identifying the differences between fiction and nonfiction. This week, we defined vocabulary, identified text features, and retold the facts learned from a nonfiction book about bats. The students learned that knowing the definition of the vocabulary from the book helps them to understand better. We called these words, "The Wonderful Words." The students also learned that text features are the tools that help us to learn information from the book. The text features that we talked about are pictures, labels, and captions. Next week, more text features will be added to the list: table of contents and index.

## Nonfiction Text Features

1. Pictures
2. Labels
3. Captions
4. Table of Contents
5. Index

The students also learned how to write letter "Yy" and the words that begin with "Yy" sounds. Then they had a review of the kindergarten words learned so far.

## Math:

The students have learned to identify numbers from 0-20. Identifying numbers means being able to read the numbers. "Showing numbers" means being able to represent the numbers using tallies, fingers, a ten-frame, and objects. "Writing numbers" means being able to write them correctly from top to bottom.

The students also learned to identify the numbers that are even and odd. The students were asked to explain how they know if the number is even or odd. They can explain it by saying, "When I divide them into two groups, I have \_\_\_ in one group and \_\_\_ in another group."

Next week, we will practice more on even and odd.

### *Wait! Just a little bit more...*

- ❖ The Wyngate book fair starts right after the week of Thanksgiving. The students will not be able to borrow a book in the week of November 30. Please make sure that your child leaves the library book home during that week.
- ❖ Please have your child read you the book from the reading baggy. Then make sure it is placed back in the backpack so that he or she can borrow another small group reading book the next day.
- ❖ We will be starting an apple journal on December 1. Each student has to bring one apple. It can be either **red delicious, golden delicious, or granny smith.**

*Have a great Thanksgiving Weekend! ☺*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim