

October 5, 2015

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is October! We have been working very hard (and having fun too!) Here are some of the things we have been doing in our classroom!

Reading/Language Arts

We have almost finished reviewing the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. We continue to review these each morning, by singing a letter song with motions. The children have been writing in their journals approximately once a week. They have done an amazing job with their printing... I am thrilled with the progress they have made in such a short time! We continue to practice using lined paper and work on making our letters the correct size. The children will be beginning to work in the language arts workbook next week and the next step in our journey will be reading sight words! The first sight words to be introduced will be "the" and "a".

Math

We have finished our unit on patterning and are now working on the concept of graphing. Also, we continue to work on identifying and writing the numbers 1-10. We have used dry erase boards and markers to practice writing the numbers and have been playing games in teams in order to identify numbers around the classroom. We continue to review how many items in a set and use manipulatives to practice this concept. Our counting by 1's to 25 and by 10's to 100 is getting better each day! Thank-you for continuing to practice at home!

Science/Social Studies

We will be working on the concept of maps and where we live in our world. Our class will be using a map of the United States in order to identify Ohio. We will also be talking about our planet, continent and town. The children will be creating their own maps and using landmarks in order to identify places in our school. As Halloween gets closer, we will be using pumpkins to estimate and count the number of seeds inside.

Religion

We read the stories of Jonah and the whale and Noah's ark. I have really enjoyed the discussions we have had in class! We have also been discussing who in our lives love us, who these special people are and why they are important to us. This concept ties in well with Grandparent's Day and the activities which go along with it. We have also been talking about "thankful" hands and what we can do with our hands to make God happy. As Thanksgiving gets closer, we will be talking about the importance of filling our food box in order to help those families in need.

Other

- No school October 12
- Field trip to Catalpa Farms October 15
- Grandparents day October 21
- Halloween parade/party October 31 (arrive at school in costume 9:00, parade 9:15, party 9:30, early dismissal at 12:00. No enrichment this day, however, after care is available)

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-"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them."

Lady Bird Johnson