

KINDERGARTEN

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What did we do these past two weeks?

In Math... We continued to learn about 2D shapes. In groups, students sorted shapes and discussed features of each shape. Students also sorted real life pictures based on the shape they saw in the picture. We came to a conclusion that shapes are everywhere but not all shapes are true representation of basic shapes. A rectangle that has rounded corners is no longer a rectangle but an irregular shape. Students found many irregular shapes on our shape hunt around the school.

In Reading... Students are learning about how readers read for a variety of purposes. We are talking about how books are meant to be shared and discussed. Students learned that when they walk around the world they don't just see things but they also read things. We went on a walk around the school to take pictures of all the words we can read. The students then recorded themselves reading these words in SeeSaw. Students also learned that readers learn when they read. After browsing through nonfiction books, students shared one fact they learned from their book. Finally, we read two more books in the Global Read Aloud by the author Mem Fox. We read the book Wherever You Are and Hattie and the Fox.

In Writing... Students learned that authors write books about topics that they know a lot about. We began studying a different kind of writing, nonfiction. We looked at different nonfiction books and noticed how these books were different from fiction books. We wrote down what we noticed about nonfiction books on an anchor chart. Students are really enjoying writing about what they did over the weekend on Mondays. A big thank you to parents for writing down what family activities they did over the weekend. If possible try to do 1 different thing each weekend with your child that you have never done before.

In Social Emotional Learning (SEL)... We learned about the different levels of voice and the appropriate times to use each one. We also learned about how everyone is different, yet the same. We compared ourselves to many different classes participating in the Global Read Aloud this year.

In Art... We drew gourds and corn by looking at the real objects. Students used colored pencils and crayons to color their picture. Students also created a firefighter for fire safety week and a skeleton from Q-Tips for Halloween.

In Technology... We used an app called PicCollage to create a collage with words we can read and shapes we found in our environment. We sent those to you via Seesaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duck Tape and Magazines

We are in need of patterned duck tape to bind the student's finished published books. We would love for each family to donate one roll. You can find patterned duck tape at the Dollar Store. Also please send in any magazines you are done with to use with special projects.

Halloween Oct. 31st

On Halloween students are invited to dress up in the afternoon. All students are asked to bring their costume to school in a separate bag. After lunch we will come back to the classroom and change for the all school parade that starts at 1:30. Parents are invited to attend the parade and take pictures outside in front of the building (weather permitting). After the parade, students will go back to their classrooms for the party. Only parents that have signed up are allowed to attend the room parties in the afternoon from 2:00-3:30. Students may not bring candy to pass out.



At Home...

- Practice naming 2D shapes: square, circle, rectangle, triangle, and hexagon
- Practice counting 1-50 with your child
- Practice tying shoes and zipping coats
- Practice rhyming words
- Read every day!

Poetry Binders/ Book Bags...

Book Bags will come home today, Friday, November 11th. Please have your child read 3 or more books to you over the weekend. While reading, please make sure your child is pointing to the words s/he is reading. Book bags need to come back to school on Monday.

Dates to Remember...

Every Wednesday is a 2:35 Dismissal

- Oct. 27th – Picture Retakes
- Oct. 30th – Mrs. Panek out for a meeting in the AM
- Oct. 30th – Spirit Day: Wear Halloween Colors
- Oct. 31st – Halloween Party
- Nov. 2nd – Mt. Prospect Library Visits
- Nov. 2nd – Google Exp. Experience
- Nov. 3rd – PJ Day (Wear pajamas to school.)