

# Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

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### Thank You!

A big "thank you" to the following parents who came to help with placemat weaving.

AM Class: Mrs. Benson (Jack), Mrs. Chang (Teddy), Mrs. Marginian (Maya), Mrs. Ojeda (Lilah) and Mrs. & Mrs. Small (Casen)

PM Class: Mrs. Carter (Rayla), Mrs. Chew (Carter), Mrs. Dant (Kinley), Mrs. Denby (Hannah) Mrs. Horton (Emily) and Mrs. Gurule (Amelie)

### "Specials" Classes

Here is a quick review of students' Specials Classes and reminders

**Monday: Art** Art shirt required

**Tuesday: PE** Students must wear gym shoes to school

**Wednesday: Music**

**Thursday: Library** Students must return their library book on Thursday, not before Thursday, in order to check out a new library book

And another important reminder

**Wednesday:** Students must return their Baggie Book on Wednesday, not before Wednesday, in order to receive a new Baggie Book on Thursday

### Important Dates

**Wed., Nov. 12**

Return Baggie Book!

**Thurs., Nov. 20**

Thanksgiving Feasts  
More information coming soon!

**Fri., Nov. 21 -  
Fri., Nov. 28**

Thanksgiving Break

**Mon., Dec. 1**

School Resumes

**Fri., Dec. 5  
Fri., Dec. 12**

DIBELS Testing  
Sign-ups will once again be through SignUp.com. Watch for the email with the link to be coming soon!

**Wed., Dec. 17**

Holidays Around the World Concert  
AM Class 10:00-11:00  
PM Class 2:00-3:00

**Thur., Dec. 18**

Class Christmas Parties  
AM Class 10:30-11:30  
PM Class 2:30-3:30

**Fri., Dec. 19-  
Mon. Jan. 5**

Christmas Break

### Curriculum

**Math:** We wrapped Shapes and Solids. Now we move ahead to the concepts of Height, Length, Weight and Capacity.

**Core Knowledge:** We completed Native Americans, so we will begin "Exploring and Moving to America."

**Spalding:** Planning to Teach These Phonograms Next Week: "ow" (2 sounds, "The cow is in the snow."), "ou" (4 sounds, "The boxing phonogram."), "oo" (2 sounds, "The binocular phonogram.") and "ch" (3 sounds, "The choo-choo train phonogram.")

**Language Arts:** Identifying vowel sounds at the beginning of words, practicing phonemic awareness skills, writing and reading words with our 2-letter phonograms on a new handwriting paper, and "reading for spelling" and "reading for reading" the words that will be our Spelling words (22 words so far!)

**Read Aloud Books: 10**  
Turkeys in the Rode by Brenda Sturgis, Turkey Trouble by Johah Newman and The Very First Americans by Cara Ashrose

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### Taught

#### Phonograms

“sh” (1 sound, “Mrs. Smith’s favorite phonogram!”), “ee” (1 sound, “e double e”) and “th” (2 sounds)

#### Sound in a Sack

#### Week of

Nov. 11-13

“i”

1<sup>st</sup> sound is like the “i” in

“igloo”

2<sup>nd</sup> sound is like the “i” in

“ivy”

### Baggie Books

Your student’s second Baggie Book was sent home in their backpack on Thursday! 😊 It is to be returned to school on **Wed., Nov. 11** so your student can receive a new book on Thurs., Nov. 12. If the Baggie Book is not returned on Wednesday, I may or may not be able to issue a new Baggie Book on Thursday.

Please leave the bright orange parent letter from me with the “the” and “a” pronunciation letter from Ms. Hansen, our Literacy Teacher, on the back and the bookmark/sticker chart in your child’s Baggie Book bag. I will put a sticker on that bookmark each week your child returns their baggie book. It’s a fun way for your child to track how many baggie books they have read in Kindergarten!

Also, thank you for your feedback on your student’s Baggie Book Reading Log. It was difficult to place some students at the beginning of their reading adventure. I’ll keep tweaking until I get it right!

### Mark Your Calendars: Holidays Around the World Concert

Please save the date and note the time of your student’s performance in our All-Kindergarten Holidays Around the World Concert!

Wednesday, December 17

AM Class Concert 10:00-11:00 and PM Class Concert 2:00-3:00

Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend!

### Something to Ponder

*"The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.*

*The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go!"*

Dr. Seuss

(This applies to kids and grown-ups!)

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