

Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Issue #12

November 14, 2025

Baggie Books

All baggie books MUST be returned on Wed., Nov. 19 next week. I will be processing all baggie books that day. Due to the Thanksgiving Feast, I will not be processing any baggie books on Thurs., Nov. 20. There will not be time for me to do this! Next week's baggie books are to be returned to school on Wed., Dec. 3, not when we return to school on Mon., Dec. 1.

Student Take-Home Folder Reminders

Students' take-home folders are sent home in backpacks each Thursday. All paperwork and projects in the folder are to be removed from the folder before it is returned to school on the following Monday, or the next day your student attends school. Any work that needs to be returned to school should be placed in the right-hand pocket of the folder. Please go through all the work and projects in the take-home folder with your student each week. Note items your student needs to complete and/or practice at home. Thank you!

Curriculum

Math: This week's focus was height, length, and weight. Next up is capacity.

Core Knowledge: We began learning about Pilgrims and will fittingly study the 1st Thanksgiving next week. We are also working in our history journals.

Spalding: Planning to Teach These Phonograms Next Week: "ar" (1 sound, "The pirate phonogram"), "ay" (1 sound, "2 letter"), "ai, not used" (1 sound, not used at the end of a word), "oy, of boy" (1 sound), and "oi, not used" (1 sound, not used at the end of a word)

Language Arts: vowel sounds at the beginning of words, phonemic awareness skills, words with our 2-letter phonograms, lots of handwriting (Practice makes better!) and words that will be our Spelling words

Read Aloud Books: The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush retold and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, Let's Read About Christopher Columbus by Kimberley Weinberger, and The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving by Ann McGovern

Important Dates

Wed., Nov. 19

Return Baggie Book!

Thurs., Nov. 20

Thanksgiving Feasts
AM Class 10:30-11:30
PM Class 2:30-3:30

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

Thanksgiving Break

Mon., Dec. 1

School Resumes

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

DIBELS Testing

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

Tues., Jan. 6

School Resumes for K students only

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Taught

2-Letter

Phonograms

sh, ee, th, ow, ou, oo,
and ch

Sound in a Sack

Week of

Nov. 18-20

“j”

We will have Sound in a Sack on Thursday even though it is our Thanksgiving Fest. It will be earlier in the day!

Phonogram Test

Our 1st phonogram test will be Thurs., Nov. 20. The test will include the 1st 6 phonograms we learned. We will have focused oral and written practice on those 6 phonograms every day next week. Proper TCA handwriting strokes (the “TCA way”) will be expected. This 1st phonogram test will include o, c, a, d, f and g.

MOY DIBELS Testing Sign Ups

Sign-ups for our Middle of the Year (MOY) DIBELS Assessments have begun! The SignUp.com link was sent last Saturday. There will be 4 assessments: First Sound Fluency, Letter Naming Fluency, Phoneme Segmentation Fluency, and Nonsense Word Fluency.

Thanksgiving Feast Sign Ups

Refer to the emails from our Party Coordinators for how you can help make our Thanksgiving Feast a success! Remember to RSVP through the link in the 11/10 email to attend this curriculum day.

Parents only; no siblings!

Holidays Around the World Concert

Invitations and RSVPs will be going home in take-home folders after Thanksgiving Break for our Holidays Around the World Concert. This is a “family and friends” event! All students will have a special role in our program, either saying a speaking part or holding a prop or sign. We encourage students to dress up in their “Christmas best” for the concert. If not dressing up in Christmas-like clothes, students should wear TCA uniform, preferably wearing a red or green shirt to look festive.

Something to Ponder

*“The more you practice the art of thankfulness,
the more you have to be thankful for.”*

Norman Vincent Peale

(That’s because *“Practice makes better!”*)

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