

Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Issue #13

November 21, 2025

Thanksgiving Feast Thanks

A BIG "thank you" to all the grown-ups who helped make our Thanksgiving Feasts such a success. We couldn't have had such fun, or feasting, without all the helping hands and food donations. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. I am thankful for all of you!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Enjoy your break!

Delayed Start Info

As we approach winter weather season, please be mindful of our Kindergarten Delayed Start Schedule. In the event of a "Delayed Start" due to the weather, our class times are:

AM Class: 10:15 AM-12:30 PM

PM Class: 1:15 PM-3:30 PM

Students are allowed to wear blue jeans with a TCA uniform shirt on Delayed Start Days.

Important Dates

Fri., Nov. 21 -

Fri., Nov. 28

Thanksgiving Break
Enjoy family, friends
and food!

Mon., Dec. 1

School Resumes

Wed., Dec. 3

Return Baggie Book!

Fri., Dec. 5

Fri., Dec. 12

MOY DIBELS Testing
Reminders will be sent
from SignUp.com.

Please be on time for
your student's appt.

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

Curriculum

Math: We finished up height, length, weight and capacity. When we return, we start a new chapter called Comparing Numbers within 10.

Core Knowledge: Our Exploring America unit culminated with our Thanksgiving Feast. In December, we will study Pushes and Pulls.

Spalding: Planning to Teach These Phonograms When We Return: "oy, of boy" (1 sound), "oi, not used" (1 sound, not used at the end of a word), "er, of her" (1 sound) and "ir, of first" (1 sound)

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

Read Aloud Books: The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving by Ann McGovern, There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey by Lucille Colandro and Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano

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Taught

2-Letter

Phonograms

sh, ee, th, ow, ou, oo,
ch, ar, ay, and ai

Sound in a Sack

Week of

Nov. 18-20

“k”

Parents, please be sure
the object begins with “k”
and “c”!

Phonogram Test

Our 2nd phonogram test will be Thurs., Dec. 3. The test will again include 6 previously taught “alphabet phonograms.” We will have focused oral and/or written practice on those 6 phonograms every day when we return to school. Proper TCA handwriting strokes (the “TCA way”) will be expected. The 2nd phonogram test will include s, qu, b, e, h, and i. Your student’s practice test will always go home in their backpack on Wednesday

MOY DIBELS Testing

There will be 4 assessments on your student’s Middle of Year DIBELS Test: First Sound Fluency, Letter Naming Fluency, Phoneme Segmentation Fluency, and Nonsense Word Fluency. We will be practicing these skills daily during our phonemic awareness skill practices.

Holidays Around the World Concert

Invitations and RSVPs will go home after Thanksgiving Break. This is a “family and friends” event! All students will have a special role, either a speaking part or holding a prop or sign. We encourage students to dress up in their “Christmas best” or wear TCA uniform, preferably a red or green shirt.

Holiday Parties

Info from Party Coordinators will be sent in December. Holiday Parties are for students and their parents, not siblings. We will have a Book Exchange during our Party. Girls bring a book for a girl; boys bring a book for a boy. The price limit is \$5.00. It will be a Holiday Sweater and Denim Day!

Something to Ponder

*“Thanksgiving is a time to give,
a time to love
and a time to reflect
on the things
that matter most in life.”*

Danielle Duckery

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