Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had another great week!

Here's what's happening in the classroom:

In Fundations, we have been reading and spelling c-v-c (3 sound) words with bonus letters (f, l, s, and sometimes z) and the glued sound –all. Next, we will continue to read and spell c-v-c words with bonus letters remembering that they only come after a short vowel sound. Our next **Fundations spelling test** will be **Thursday, October 29th**.

In ELA, we have been making and confirming predictions before, during, and after reading in order to retell fiction and nonfiction texts. Next, we will use a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast facts we read to retell key details.

Sight Words- Keep the sight words in the bag that was sent home and practice them over the course of the week. We'll add new words each week. Always feel free to go back and review previous weeks' words to keep them fresh in their minds. Refer to the paper sent home for practice games to play to keep learning sight words fun!

In Writing, we are working on adding details to our writing. We will be working on a how-to writing this coming week that goes along with our pumpkin exploration in science. This writing activity will be completed together as a class so we can practice using an organizer, writing a topic/closing sentence, three detail sentences, and using transition words. In grammar we are learning about singular and plural nouns.

In Math, we continue to work through Unit 1 concepts focusing on Doubles, Halves, Counting On, and Counting Back Facts to work on adding 3 addends. We will play "I Spy a Strategy" to find 2 numbers to add using the strategies that we have learned so far and then adding the third number. We continue to work on number talks and word problems using math tools and strategies like drawing pictures and writing equations. **Be on the lookout for a Unit 1 Review after Halloween to get ready for our first Math Test!**

Keep practicing math facts so they are automatically answered (within 3 sec.) without the use of resources (number lines, 100 charts) or their fingers to count. Math Facts are like sight words and need to be practiced weekly for automaticity.

In Science, we wrapped up our study of how seeds travel with a Fluffado seed experiment and a seed assessment. We will come back to science this coming week as we explore pumpkins.

In Social Studies, we have been reading books and discussing ways we can include others and how everyone's special talents can contribute to our communities.

Important Reminders:

- We go **outside daily** for recess unless it is too cold or raining. Please remind your child to wear **shoes** appropriate for playing outside and on days we have P.E.

- Please send in a **change of clothes** for your child to keep in their locker for spills at lunch, muddy clothes at recess, etc. Don't forget to update your child's change of clothes bag if/when clothes are used from it and for the change in season!

- Please help your child remember to get his/her **agenda signed each night** and to go through the papers in the Take Home folder.

- Please check with your child to make sure they brought **headphones** into school this year. We will be using them for ELA and Math.

Important Dates:

- **WES Book Fair Week 10/26 - 10/30**
- **WES Book Fair Family Night 10/29, 4:30 – 7:30**
- **Tuesday, Nov. 3rd – Schools closed for election day**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 4th – Early Dismissal Day (1:15), End of Quarter 1**

- **Thursday, Nov. 5th – Family Math Night 5:30-7:30**