Mrs. Smith's Smidgens
Issue #9

October 23, 2026

Parent Helpers

Students will be weaving placemats for our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast on Thurs., Nov. 12th. AM Class will be weaving from 11:00-11:30 and PM Class will be weaving from 3:00-3:30. Parent volunteers, with a cleared background check, would be greatly appreciated! Please let me know, via email or text, if you would like to help. Sorry, no siblings allowed.

Fall Is Here!

Remember to send your student to school with a sweater, sweatshirt, jacket or light coat every day. AM Class recess is often still cool; PM Class pick up is always chilly. Please label these items with your student's name.

Delayed Start Info

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

AM Kindergarten Class is 10:15–12:30
PM Kindergarten Class is 1:15-3:30

Curriculum

Math: We completed our Number Books and did lots of number writing for 1-10. Next week we cover Ordinal Numbers and "One More Than" prior to the Chapter 3 Test.

Core Knowledge: We studied the remaining four continents and colored them on our large maps: Asia, Africa, Australia and Antarctica. Next week we begin Native Americans.

Phonograms: I introduced v (1 sound), w (1 sound), x (1 sound) and y (3 sounds). On Monday, I introduce z. All week long we will have "review, practice, and repeat" for all 26 alphabet phonograms.

Language Arts: We focused on writing phonograms, letter naming, practicing phonemic awareness skills, building CVC words with phonogram cards, writing CVC words and reading CVC words. We learned the letter y is a consonant and a vowel. The 1st sound is when it is a consonant; the 2nd and 3rd sounds are when it is a vowel and those sounds are the same as i. Also, y, not i, is used at the end of a word.

Read Aloud Books: Tug of War by Naomi Howarth, Asia, Africa, Australia and Antarctica by Mary Lindeen.

Important Dates

Thurs., Nov. 12th
Thanksgiving Feast
Placemat Weaving

Thurs., Nov. 12th
TCA Fall Parent Academy
Central Campus
6:30-8:00 PM See Pg. 2 for details

Thurs., Nov. 19th
Thanksgiving Feast
Curriculum Day
Details will be sent in early November

Mon., Nov. 23rd – Fri., Nov. 27th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Fri., Dec. 4th OR Fri., Dec. 11th
Middle of Year (MOY) DIBELS Testing (by appt.)
Sign up coming in November

Wed., Dec. 16th
All-Kindergarten Holidays Around the World Christmas Concert
AM Class 10:00am-11:00 am
PM Class 2:00pm-3:00pm

Thurs., Nov. 19th
Class Christmas Parties

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Written Phonogram Review #4
Thurs., Oct. 29th

t, v, w, x, y, z,
o and c

Taught Alphabet Phonograms

o, c, a, d, f,
g, s, qu, b, e, h,
i, u, j, k, l, m, n, p,
r, t, v, w, x and y

Sound in a Sack Week of Oct. 26th

"f"

Baggie Books

I'm hoping to send home your student's first Baggie Book in their backpack next Thursday, Oct. 29th! It is to be returned to school on Wednesday, Nov. 4th so your student can receive a new baggie book on Thursday, Nov. 5th. Please complete the Baggie Book Reading Log included in the baggie to help me get your student's reading level correct. As discussed at Parent/Teacher Conferences, first baggie books will probably be "too easy" (on purpose) so your student's first baggie book experience is a positive one.

Mark Your Calendars: Holidays Around the World Concert

Please save the date and note the time of your student's concert!
Wednesday, December 16th
AM Class Concert: 10:00am-11:00am
PM Class Concert: 2:00pm-3:00pm
Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend!

TCA Fall Parent Academy
Thursday, November 12th 6:00pm-8:30pm
Central Campus

Visit this link to register as well as get information on course descriptions: 2026 Parent Academy Class Descriptions.pdf

Something to Ponder

"I wish that every day
was Saturday
and every month
was October."

Charmaine J. Forde

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