



Dear Parents,

Mrs. Hali, the children and I were so excited to meet Ms. S on Monday. Her arrival was timely as we have been focusing on Fall themes like scarecrows and sunflowers. Thank you for helping your child complete the scarecrow project. They are all adorable and the children were proud to share their creations.

Our core numbers this week were 6 and 7. Can you guess why? You got it! Both start with Ss. We continued to reinforce 6 vs 9. Six is for "kicks" and 9 likes to shine. I hung a graphic on our main wall to help the children visualize the rhyme. We practiced identifying and writing upper and lowercase Ss and brainstormed words that start with the /s/ sound. I taught the children /s/ is the "snake sound" and their tongue is the snake. They know it's important to keep their snake behind their teeth to correctly produce /s/.

The children are gaining more independence in centers and are now responsible for getting their own worksheets for middle table work as well as putting their completed sheets in my mailbox. While this may seem simple, it's a big task for little people! This requires them to follow multi-step directions to get set up, as well as follow the directions to complete the task. And, to finish it all off, they must make sure they have their name on their work before putting it in my mailbox. They are doing a FANTASTIC job learning this new routine. This is great practice for what will be expected of them in Kindergarten.

We spent quite a bit of time learning how sunflowers grow and made a book to illustrate the sunflower's life cycle. I shared one of my favorite pictures with the class. It is of a jumbo sunflower with a smile created in its seeded center. There's a pretty cool bug on it, too! When I first saw the sunflower, on my walk, I didn't notice the smile. As I circled back to look at it, I noticed the sweet smile and how much joy it brought me. This prompted an awesome circle time conversation about noticing joyful things when you least expect it. I attached the sunflower picture to this letter.

Our week ended in truly spectacular fashion. Super silly sock day was a success! Ms. S loved seeing everyone's super silly socks. We took "super" to the next level and wore superhero masks while spending the day in our sock feet. We had a sensational day. It would be perfect if Mr. P arrived in time for Halloween...our Fall classroom display of mummies, bats, spiders and scarecrows sure could use a few pumpkins!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Katie & Hali

OCTOBER EVENTS:

- 10/23: Trunk or Treat
- 10/27: All School Mass 9am in Chotin Center
- Haunted House Decorating: Tuesday, 10/27- Sign-Up Genius was sent out
- Class Halloween Party (KIDS ONLY): Friday, 10/30- Sign-Up Genius was sent out

REMINDERS & FYI's:

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER AS IT CONTAINS THE QUARTER 1 ASSESSMENT - please contact me should you wish to discuss anything before formal PreK conferences (usually held in January)**
- SHOW & TELL: Friday 11/30: letter Pp
- Please **empty your child's folder daily, initial their calendar & use the clip on the bag to send notes or other important paperwork.**
- Info regarding PKG special events will go home on bag clips and be posted as an announcement on School Status Connect

- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 985-626-5678 ext. 4171, via School Status Connect messaging or e-mail at kgristina@ourladoyofthelakeschool.org