# Mrs. Smith's Smidgens
# Issue #10

## October 30, 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.

## Absence

Parents, I will be absent all day Monday and Tuesday morning next week. I'll be in KS taking my dad to a dr. appt. Mrs. Blair will be my substitute teacher.

## Following Directions

Students are learning many ways to follow directions in Kindergarten. Listening, of course, is a BIG one! Lately, a lot of students are drawing, doodling or "writing fancy" on their papers when instructed not to do so. I am marking this on papers. Parents, if/when you see this, please address it with your student. Thank you!

## Curriculum

**Math:** We took the Chapter 3 Test on Thursday. Next week we begin Chapter 4: Shapes and Solids.

**Core Knowledge:** This week we learned all about Christopher Columbus and added him to our History Journal. Next week we begin our Native Americans unit.

**Phonograms:** On Monday, I introduced the last alphabet phonogram, "z". Next week we will have "review, practice, and repeat" for all 26 alphabet phonograms on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday we will begin learning 2-letter phonograms: "sh" (my favorite!) and "ee, double ee."

**Language Arts:** Writing alphabet phonograms, letter naming, practicing phonemic awareness skills, building CVC words with phonogram cards, writing and reading CVC words. We also read aloud together four "Fun with Phonics" Readers: Fat Cat, Jen the Hen, Posy the Pig and Dog in the Fog.

**Read Aloud Books:** Exploring and Moving to America from Core Knowledge Readers, Christopher Columbus by Stephen Krensky, Froggy Picks a Pumpkin by Jonathan London and There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat! By Lucille Colandro

## 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 soon!

**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., Dec. 17th**
Class Christmas Parties

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## Written Phonogram Review #5
## Thurs., Nov. 5th

a, d, f, g, s, qu,
b and e

## 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, y and z

## Sound in a Sack
## Week of Nov. 3rd

"g" (which as 2 different sounds!)

## Baggie Books Went Home! 😊

Your student's first Baggie Book was sent home Thursday, Oct. 29th! It is to be returned to school on Wednesday, Nov. 4th with a signed and completed Baggie Book Reading Log which will help me get your student's reading level correct. Changes will be made as needed! If it is returned on Wednesday, November 4th, your student will receive a new baggie book on Thursday, November 5th. I only process baggie books that are returned on Wednesdays. Contact me if you have questions or concerns about our Baggie Book Program!

## 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

***"The goal isn't to raise a child who can read impressive books. The goal is to raise a child who wants to read."***

Unknown


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