Mrs. Smith's Smidgens
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Thank You!

Thank you to our parent volunteers who came in for our placemat weaving! AM Class volunteers were Mrs. Prensner, Mrs. Buetler, Mrs. Dannenbring, Mrs. Wulfsber, and Mrs. Keller. PM Class volunteers were Mr. Colli, Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Talana. The project went smoothly because of all these parent's helping hands. THANK YOU! 😊

Thanksgiving Feast Info

*Parents are needed for volunteering before, during and after our Thanksgiving Feast, for bringing in food and paper products, preparing food on plates for students as well as facilitating the 3 Thanksgiving-themed centers, which will be provided. Check the email from your Class Party Coordinator for needs.

*Students may wear "dress up" clothes like they would wear to a family party, celebration or church, but no costumes. If students are not "dressing up," they must wear TCA uniform.

*Thanksgiving Feast RSVPs need to be submitted before Wed., Nov. 18th at 2:00 pm.

*No snack is needed on Thurs., Nov. 19th.

Curriculum

Math: Shapes and Solids are complete! We began Height, Length, Weight and Capacity.

Core Knowledge: We learned about the Woodlands region. Then we made of map of the United States Tribal Regions with their Native American homes. These went home on Thursday.

Read Aloud Books: The Very First Americans by Cara Ashrose, The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie dePaola and Shape by Shape by Suse MacDonald

Phonograms: We continued learning 2-letter phonograms! We learned four: "th" (2 sounds), "ow, the cow is in the snow" (2 sounds), "ou" (4 sounds!), and "oo" (2 sounds). Next Up is "ch" (3 sounds, the choo choo train phonogram), "ar" (1 sound, the pirate phonogram) and "ay" (2 letter).

Language Arts: Reviewing alphabet phonograms, writing phonograms on new handwriting paper, practicing phonemic awareness skills, building words with phonogram cards, writing and reading words.

Important Dates

Thurs., Nov. 19th
Thanksgiving Feast
Curriculum Day
The RSVP and details were emailed earlier this week.

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 soon

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

Mon., Dec. 21st -Mon., Jan. 4th:
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

Tues., Jan. 5th
Only Kindergarten Students Have School

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Written Phonogram Review #6

p, r, t, v, w, x, y and z

Taught Phonograms

Alphabet Phonograms a – z, sh, ee, th, ow, ou and oo

Sound in a Sack Week of Nov.17th

"i"

1 clue should tell if it's the 1st or 2nd sound

Baggie Book Reminders

Your student's 3rd Baggie Book was sent home on Thursday! It is to be returned to school on Wednesday, Nov. 18th so your student can receive a new Baggie Book on Thursday, Nov. 19th.

*Baggie Books are to be returned to school on Wednesday only.

*Baggie Books are sent home on Thursday.

*If a Baggie Book is not returned on Wednesday but returned on Thursday, I may or may not be able to process a new Baggie book that day. It depends on my schedule.

*Please complete and sign the Baggie Book Log each week and return it with the book in the baggie.

*Baggie Books start out easy on purpose! I want to build students' confidence that they can read before challenging them too much.

*I put a bookmark/sticker chart in your student's Baggie Book bag. I will put a sticker on that bookmark each week your child returns their Baggie Book. It's a fun way for your student to track how many Baggie Books they have read in Kindergarten! 😊

Important Baggie Book Notification

Due to our Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, Nov. 19th, I will not be able to process any baggie books returned to school on Thursday. So, your student must return their baggie book on Wednesday, Nov. 18th to receive a new baggie book for Thanksgiving Break. Thanks for your cooperation!

Something to Ponder

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

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