

Kindergarten News

October 2009

Language Arts

I am so excited that fall is here! This is one of the most fun times to teach and learn. Our themes this month are Pumpkins, Owls, Bats and of course, Halloween. We will be working with the books Pumpkin Town, The Biggest Pumpkin Ever, Goodnight Owl!, Baby Owls, Stellaluna, Bat Jamboree, The Halloweener Dog and many more seasonal favorites. We will continue reading daily in guided reading groups and focus on sight word recognition, reading strategies and story elements. We will also do various writing activities to go along with our stories. I am so proud of how well your children are doing in the reading groups and literacy centers. They are becoming great little readers! Please make sure that they are reading daily and practicing their sight words.

PHONICS

This month we will learn the letters and sounds of:

short /Aa/ /Nn/ /Mm/ and short /i/

We will work on writing these letters and blending their sounds with other letters to create words.

word families: at, bat, cat, fat, hat, pat, rat, sat

an, can, Dan, fan, Jan, man, pan, ran, tan, van

it, bit, fit, hit, kit, pit, sit

in, fin, kin, pin, tin, win, spin

Math

*Congruent shapes

*Three dimensional shapes:
cone, cylinder, cube, sphere

*Writing and counting #'s 11-15

*Writing and counting #'s 16-20

Social Studies/Science

*Life cycle of a pumpkin

*Fire Safety

*Nocturnal animals (bats & owls)

*Halloween traditions