

September Happenings

In September we met our teacher Miss Walker.

In September we met Mrs. Tamas who comes into our room to teach us Math on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

In September we met our principal Mr. Cassone.

In September we started our Language Learning Centres. We are learning to become independent learners!

In September we started our Math Learning Centres. We are learning to use correct Math language!

In September we participated in the Terry Fox Walk- thank you for all of your generous donations!

In September we learned about Monarch Butterfly's and watched three of them emerge from their cocoons and learn to fly!

In September we did many activities using apples. We read books about apples, write in our journals about apples, made graphs based on the various colours of apples, painted patterns using the apples as sponges and made apple sauce!

October News

Dear Parents,

Here we are in October! Thank you for all of your support in September. Thank you for all of the work you do at home with your child. The Reading Responses each night have been wonderful (SK) keep up the great work! October is an exciting month! We are able to celebrate Thanksgiving, Halloween and enjoy the new Fall season. In the Kindergarten room we have many exciting things planned:

- 1.Many thanks for helping to make September such a great beginning to our year! The children are settling into new classroom routines making new friends and enjoying themselves in the classroom setting!
- 2.The students have been learning about and discussing summer memories, us as unique and special individuals, respect and feelings, and numbers to 5 (more, less, same). In language we have been discussing what good readers do, have been working on story retell and comprehension and have spent a great deal of time focusing on rhyme, syllables and beginning sounds in order to strengthen phonemic awareness. As a part of our word study we have looked at each of our names and have added one name a day to our 'Word Wall.'
- 3.On Thursday October 29th and Friday October 30th, we will be having our Kindergarten Halloween celebration! On these days I invite your child to bring in their costumes (please remember to label all of clothing with your child's name.) The students will change into their costumes around 1:30 and we will have some treats/snacks, play games and parade around the school. Feel free to send in a snack/treat with your child (peanut-free) if you would like. Happy Halloween!
- 4.An early reminder that the Calling All Three Year Old's Kindergarten Orientation will take place on November 17th, 2009 at 1 pm. Please call the school to register.
- 5.We will begin parent volunteers in October. If you are interested please let me know and I will send home a note indicating the day which you are scheduled to come in to help out in our classroom. Generally volunteers come in about once a month. If your scheduled day does not work for you please just contact me and another day will be arranged.
- 6.Areas Of Study This Month: In October we will be discussing Thanksgiving, Fall and Seasons, and Halloween. We will also practice fire drills this month by trying to walk quietly and safely in a line out to our designated area on the schoolyard. I would encourage you to go over a fire escape plan with your child at home as well. We will also continue to work through our Bullying program as a preventative

method to alleviate schoolyard/classroom bullying.

Math:

- We will be working on Data Management (graphing and sorting) and patterning this month.

Language:

- We will continue to explore rhyming words and syllables.
- We will continue to practice our letter and letter sound recognition.
- We will continue to look at the difference between a sentence/word/letter.
- We will continue to add one name a day to our Word Wall.
- We will continue to model how to come up with good ideas for writing in our journal; and encourage the children to add more colour/details/words and sounds to our entries.
- We will continue to use our Class Dictionary and work on stretching words to hear each sound in the word.
- We will begin to take home our "Join In Book" this month. This is a selection of songs and poems that we have been using in the classroom. Please share these poems with your child throughout each month. The repetitive nature of them will build letter and word recognition. Please leave this book in your child's Bag A Book so that we have access to them during school hours also! Thank you!

Once again thank you for your continued support and please contact me at the school with any questions or concerns!

Happy October!

Miss Walker