

K-K News

October 31, 2008

Dear Families:

We joined the Hunnewell community for a fabulous parade; counted five hundred eighty-six pumpkin seeds; created headbands, masks and jack-o-lanterns; built wonderful patterns with Halloween beans; played pin the nose on the pumpkin until some children were dizzy; shared wonderful books as examples of reading with expression; and - I believe - got all of the costumes out of the door by the end of the day. I would say it was a terrific Halloween in KK! I offer sincere thanks to everyone who helped out with photographs, costumes, or the joint kindergarten centers time today. You helped make today a day that the children will remember!

While we have been dabbling in Halloween lore this week, we have also continued our work with counting and measurement in mathematics (see the home folder for more); started sharing stories in writing workshop; and completed our first round of observations with our mold jars. It has been a full week. Next week, we will focus more closely on Tuesday's election...please send your child to school in red, white and blue on Tuesday (see the home folder for a note on this, as well). After that, we will shift our focus to our study of families.

In other news...

- Please remember that Tuesday is a half day for all students; there is no stay day, due to parent conferences.

- Thank you to those parents who joined me for conferences this week. It was a pleasure to see you, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the week ahead.
- If you have not sent in a family picture, please do so next week. We are trying to complete our book about our families to begin this new unit of study.
- Speaking of families, please keep Friday morning, November 21 on your calendars. Family members are invited to visit the classroom between 8:15 and 9:00 to see our class book; view student work; and celebrate the families of KK. (Note that you do not need to be here for the whole time - I just want to offer flexibility to those families that cannot stay past 8:30, as well as those who cannot arrive until that time.)

Enjoy a safe and happy Halloween, and a wonderful weekend with your children. Julie and I look forward to seeing them on Monday morning!

Sincerely,

Lynn