

KM News

Language Arts:



This week we read stories about

Thanksgiving and The Mayflower. We read A Turkey For Thanksgiving, Thanks For Thanksgiving and The Perfect Thanksgiving. The kids shared what they were thankful for, and then drew pictures of their ideas. This week we also read a big book about a napping family, called The Napping House. The kids loved this silly story!

Every week we have Journal Writing Time. Before the children begin drawing and writing on their own, I have a group lesson/demonstration, which focuses on a particular writing or drawing skill. This week's lesson was about how pictures can tell a story. I read a book called Good Dog Carle, which has very few words, but wonderfully detailed pictures. The kids then went off to work on their own words and detailed illustrations.

During morning meeting, we focused on digraphs (sh, ch, th) and sight words. The sight words that we added to our word wall this week: is, it, & to. We also read a new silly sentence about Nora The

Nurse. We brainstormed N words and unscrambled the sentence.

Special Events:

We had a very special visit from a storyteller named Mrs. Anthony. She used the felt board to tell stories about Thanksgiving. This week, we had so much fun watching the 3rd grade bug play.

I am sure you heard about our visit from Wally



The Green Monster! KG invited us to their class to meet this

special "mystery guest." What a special event! During Wally's visit, the kids listened to an alphabet book about Fenway Park.

Stay Days:

Handwriting: we worked on the letters L,U,V and W. Please practice them at home. Also,

encourage your child to write his/her name in all lowercase letters, except for the first letter ☺.



The kids were fascinated to listen to a story about what it was like to be aboard the Mayflower. After the story, the kids imagined what it would be like to be on a ship for 65 days in cramped quarters. We spent time discussing special

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possessions, and then each child decided on one special thing that he/she would want to bring aboard the Mayflower. Each child wrote down his/her idea and then illustrated for a class book.

Math:

This week, we continued our pattern unit. We looked closely at a woven basket, and talked about how Pilgrims and Native Americans made their own everyday tools and necessities. The kids created placemats by weaving paper of various colors (in a pattern of course.) During the week, we also played group and partner patterning games that involved identifying and extending patterns of varying difficulty.

We also played the Turkey Hop game, which helped the kids work on reading numerals beyond 10 in a fun way. Ex. If you have 5 people in your family, hop to the number 17, if you have brown hair, hop to the number 21, etc..

This week we began counting the box tops we have collected in KM. The kids are counting them into groups of 10 and putting them into little baggies. We will continue to keep track of our progress on a classroom box tops

thermometer! Each class' goal is to collect 500!

KM Thanksgiving Celebration:

Of course, the highlight of our week was singing songs for the KM families! The kids did a great job with all aspects of this special event, the practicing, decorating, and performing. I am glad that so many of you could make it! Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the food and paper goods!

Have a great weekend!
Julie