



KM News

Week of Oct. 27-31

This week was full of Halloween fun! We read many poems, stories and feltboard stories about monsters, ghosts and witches (friendly ones of course☺) The kids especially loved the Color Monster Book, which is a rhyming book that focused on color words- and is very silly! You will see this story in small book form in your child's backpack. Have him/her read it to you! This week, the kids received their first journal. In their journal, the kids will draw a picture of something that they like, something that is going on at home, a special event, or just about their friends. We talked about writing words to tell about the picture, so that I will know what their picture is about. I modeled how to say a word slowly and then write down the letters that you hear in the beginning, middle and end of the word. I assured them that I wouldn't expect them to spell words correctly- they are only in Kindergarten! ☺ They were a bit apprehensive at first, but everyone did a nice job drawing and writing while I conferenced with children about their journals.

We met with our 4F buddies this week. The kids worked side by side making wonderful cut paper jack-o-lanterns. The fourth graders were so patient and helpful during this fun project. This week the kids enjoyed going to an all school assembly. Officer Brian talked about safety, and the fourth and fifth graders showed a student- made slide show about being a Schofield STAR: S is for Safe, T is for Thoughtful, A is for Accepting, and R is for Respect. Their slideshow demonstrated what all of these terms mean- great for the Kindergartners!

Open Circle: This week we talked about speaking up when talking to another person or a group. We went around in a circle and each child said their name and something he/she likes. Everyone practiced these skills: using a clear voice, speaking loudly (but not too loud) and looking at the person they are talking to. Practice at home!

During Stay Days this week, the kids were very busy. On the first stay day, the kids went to literacy centers during our language arts block. I introduced a new literacy station called The Overhead Projector Center. The kids can project copies of our class poems, names, letters, days of the week, and much more (see pictures on the website). The words project onto a dry erase board where they can read the poems, trace letters, or circle words and letters in the text. This center was VERY popular! We also started using the computers during Literacy Stations. The kids are now using a program called EAROBICS, which focuses on listening and letter sound skills. The kids played a jack-o-lantern group game that focused on listening skills and shapes. We also played a Halloween number bingo game to help the kids practice reading double digit numbers.

We began working on syllables this week. The kids had fun figuring out the number of syllables in their names and in Halloween words. They created Halloween necklaces as part of a syllable game. If the word had 1 syllable, then they put 1 bead on their string, 2 syllables- 2 beads, and so on.

On Friday, the kids had a great time during our Halloween Party. They rotated through 4 different activities: Halloween story and pin the nose on the jack-o-lantern, Halloween treat table, Craft: ghost windsocks, and Halloween Bingo. It was a great way to celebrate this fun holiday. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the party!

Happy Halloween!

Julie