



November News Kindergarten A



Literacy Update

We will be looking at a variety of exciting fiction and non-fiction books linked to other areas of the curriculum including Joy Cowley's Dishy Washy, The Three Little Pigs and Hey Diddle Diddle, to name only a few!

This month, we will continue to look for "popcorn" words in our class poems, books and environmental print. "Popcorn Words" are the high frequency words that appear most often in Emergent Reader texts. (There is list of 26 words to be mastered by the end of Kindergarten).

We have had a lot of fun with **Literacy Work Stations** this month. The children look forward to working with their partners (which change weekly). ☺

Here is a glimpse at some activities taking place at our Literacy Work Stations this month:

ABC Word Work Station - The children will work on identifying, reading and copying popcorn words with their partner. They will also play various word and letter related games.

Math Work Station - This month the children will have the chance to try out some of our new Math Stations to reinforce the work we are doing in Math.

Listening Work Station - The children will have a chance to work with a partner and listen to various stories on tape and CD.



Letters/Sounds: Ee, Mm, Rr, Hh

Word Families: -in, -ip

Math Fun

In October, we had a great time working on counting up to 30 and beyond. The children practiced counting objects using one-to-one correspondence using various math games and activities. We welcomed our friend Zero the Hero on our 20th day of school! We had the chance to count out 20 goldfish crackers on plates, making sure to count only one number for each cracker. We started to look at patterns around our classroom and even sang a pattern farm song. The children enjoyed dramatizing with sounds.

This month our focus in math will be:

- Understanding spatial awareness and positioning using practical, every day problems
- Looking at groups of 5 and counting by 5's

Words/Concepts to practice at home:

In front of, behind, next to, above, below, near, far, in, out

If you happen to have a collection of items that we could use as math manipulatives, please do send in to school with your child. This may include but is not limited to:

- Bread bag tags
- Bottle lids
- Buttons
- Beads
- Soy beans



We will also continue to practice number recognition, patterning, adding and subtracting as part of our kindergarten day and calendar activities.

Science

This month we will be exploring the life of bears and other animals that hibernate.

In our Wings of Discovery Kindergarten Science program, we will look at the unit "Patterns in Time" and talking about seasonal patterns of events by observing, describing and predicting what happens next. (winter-argh!)



Religion/Personal/Social/Emotional

This month, we will talk about remembering special people in our lives who have been called to God or who are no longer close by. Thank you to Grace H.'s grandfather for coming in for the Rosary Program in October. The children practiced how to make the sign of our faith and how to hold the Rosary. We look forward to having this special program again on November 5.



We will share many stories from the Bible to learn more about Jesus and how He would like us to live.

In our unit, Earth Times-Celebrate the Earth, we will discuss and investigate God's earth at this time of year, linking it into the Science Unit.

This month, we will practice on the skill of using our hands for helping others. We will also talk about peace.

HOME CONNECTION

Please visit our classroom website for some helpful information, updated regularly. Under the **Parents Links**, you will find a handy website where you can type in your child's name and print off personalized printing sheets for your child to practice with.

For your information, you will also find a link to the provincial site hosting Dr. Charles Pascal's report on the proposed **Full Day Kindergarten program**. Although this may not come into effect for your child in Kindergarten this year, it will be of great interest to you if you have toddlers at home. (Not to mention, as a tax payer!)

<http://teacherweb.com/CA/stjames/Kindergarten/>

Personal Hygiene and Proper Hand Washing

As you are well aware, flu season is here! We have spent a fair amount of time going over proper hand washing at school and continue to wash hands before we eat and after using the bathroom and/or blowing nose, etc. To help keep us all healthy, please continue to reinforce proper hand washing at home including using warm water and soap, and washing palms, backs of hands and under fingernails/between fingers. Hopefully with working together, we will all stay healthy! If your child demonstrates any flu-like symptoms, please keep them home for some R & R.

Other News

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS/ASSISTANCE!

We are looking for some help working with small groups of children as well as setting up and preparing craft items and centre activities. If you are available to help out in the classroom or even from home, please send a note in your child's Communication Book



including your availability. We are flexible and can use help once or on a regular basis. (30 minutes up to a half day). Thank you! ☺

Please continue to send in paper towel and toilet paper rolls, Kleenex boxes, and small boxes you would otherwise be sending to the recycle bin! The kids love using these items for crafts.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come in and carve pumpkins with us! The children and I loved having your help! ☺

As always, please contact me at the school if you have any questions regarding your child's time at school. ☺

Miss Sarah Noakes, OCT