

October 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who sent back your parent conference slip so quickly. I am still missing a few so if you have not returned it or did not see one please contact me so we can set up a time to meet. This is an important time to share information as we are a team to support your child through their learning process.

In Foundations, the children continue to work on learning about nine lowercase letters in many ways (b,c,f,i, m,n,o,t,u). We practice the name, key word, sound and sign that is used with each letter. We also say a sound to see if they can do the letter, key word, etc. We say where a letter might begin when you are writing the letter (sky line, plane line). We played a game with a bag of objects that began with the above letters and they had to reach in to tell what letter the object began with and then give the key word, etc to go with that letter. It is a fun activity that you could play at home.

In literacy centers, the students are continuing to do fall theme/Halloween theme activities. Next week we will be doing a small unit on pumpkins with the students with the help of our speech person and special educator.

In math, we have been sorting our shoes and graphing them. This would be fun to do at home with shoes from your family. We continue to introduce new vocabulary. This week we learned about graph, most, create, and greatest. Students continue to practice counting, looking at numbers, writing numbers, using their math hands to show a number and much more. We will be beginning our math groups on Monday with the support of our Title 1 staff, special educator and paraprofessionals. We will all be working with children at their levels to help them grow. Hopefully, we will be able to do this more as the year goes on, but for now it will be one day a week.

In our social thinking this week we have been talking about feelings, happy, scared, mad, and sad. We had fun acting out some of these feelings. We did scared acting out Little Miss Muffett and acted out sad when we dropped an ice cream off our cone. We also talked about how blowing bubbles makes us happy and if something doesn't go the way we planned or our art work gets ripped we get mad. We practiced how our bodies/faces look. We also use this when situations come up in our classroom to help them recognize these feelings.

Remember, we are having a small Halloween celebration on Tuesday. If you would like to send something in for this please let me know. We will be getting together with Mrs. Trombley's class to celebrate together. We don't do any costumes at school. Please contact me if you have any questions. We have had goody bags already donated for the class. Some ideas might be popcorn, fruit, cheese and crackers, cookies. We try to keep it very simple.

Today we had our relocation drill and the children did very well. We practice this drill once a year with a fire drill and then practice walking with the help of police officers over to the Dancer's Corner. This would be where we would go if we ever had to leave our building for an emergency situation.

I am sending home UNICEF boxes today with the children to use when if they go trick or treating. If you choose not to use the box please return it to me as Mr. Burriss will save it for future years. If you do collect please return the box to me as soon as possible. He will let us know how much our school raises for UNICEF. We have done this for many years.

Please keep collecting the box tops for the PTA. This is an easy way for us to raise money for our school. Be sure to ask your relatives, friends and colleagues to save as well.

Students raised over \$150.00 with the coins for CHAD last week, with other donations brought in it was close to \$350.00 and with the matching money they raised almost \$1000. Way to go WRS.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week at our parent conference. Report cards will come home on December 1. I will go over the format with you at our conference for those who are not familiar with our report cards.

Upcoming Events:

11/2: Early Release for Parent Conferences (2 hours early, 12:45)

11/3: No School, Parent Conferences

11/9: PTA 6:30 WRS Library

11/10: No School in observance of Veteran's Day

11/13: Picture Retake Day

11/30: Winter Concert 6:30

12/2: PTA Craft Fair

Have a wonderful weekend!