

October 25, 2019

Dear Parents,

The children have been practicing greeting each other using friends names and looking at the person. They have also been practicing saying something they like and then telling something about that item or how they like it. An example of this for favorite animal is: " I like dogs. My family has a dog named Mabel." We have continued to play "Bug in a Rug" which they really enjoy. Our morning meeting is a great time to check in and see how everyone is doing. We look forward to this each morning.

Second Step, we reviewed the lesson about using our parts of our bodies to listen with. We remind students to use these throughout the day, but we also point out if someone is using these skills so they are noticed.

In Foundations, the students continue to practice writing and learning about the new letters that we got last week. We review often so the letters become automatic. They are also learning about our magnetic boards that we use to learn more about the letters and where they are on our chart.

We began our math groups this week. These groups will meet three times a week and support students wherever they are or where they need support. We are working on counting groups right now and also writing numbers. These are both skills that are needed to support students to develop more skills. They enjoy working in these small groups.

We are continuing to work with our literacy groups as well. We do these in the afternoon so we have very small groups. They are continuing to work on names, rhyming and book sense. We are changing some of the children in these groups next week and moving toward more letter skills to support our foundations work. Some students will be moving into working with some books while others will continue to work on letters. We are trying to meet all of the needs for all of the students. They enjoy these groups as well.

I still have several conference slips that have not been returned. Please return them by Monday so I can turn my list into the office as soon as possible. If you did not receive one, please contact me so we can set up a time to meet. This is an important time to meet and share information. I do schedule conferences for 30 minutes. I try to stay on time as much as possible. If someone runs late it can back up the rest of the schedule. Please be aware of this to help other parents be on time as well. If we need to set up another time we can do this to talk in more detail.

If anyone would like to send in something for a small treat for Halloween next Thursday, please let me know. I keep it simple as I know they will have lots of other things later that night or other times. We could use a sweet treat, popcorn, cheese/crackers, veggies/fruit, paper products and something to drink. Sometimes parents like to put together goody bags if a couple of parents want to do this together. Please let me know if you would like to send something in. Remember, no costumes at school. In lieu of costumes we will be having a crazy sock day! This could be mismatched socks or festive socks. It will make the day fun for all.

I am sending home UNICEF boxes today with the children to take with them when they go out trick or treating. This is something we have done for a very long time at WRS and have raised a lot of money for

the cause. If you choose not to use the UNICEF boxes, please return them and we try to use them next year. Thanks for your support with this great cause.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 31: Halloween- Crazy Sock Day! See Ms. Powers note.

Nov. 4: Early Release- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 5: No School for students- Parent/Teacher Conference

Nov. 11: No School, Veteran's Day

Nov. 15: Game Night 6:30, watch for more details

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Feast for WRS students

Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving Recess, School Reopens on Monday, Dec. 2

Dec. 7: PTA Craft Fair- 9-2

Dec. 18: Winter Concert 6:30 (Snow Date Dec. 19)

Have a great weekend!