



# Kindergartners in the News

October 26, 2011

Dear Parents,

We have been busy this week as we learned a new letter name and sound, practiced the names of the prayers that are said when we touch the beads on the rosary, made crockpot applesauce and made handprint bats to decorate our classroom door. We continue to work and play each day.

The Kindergartners learned the letter name and sound for letters "B" and "b" this week. We continue to work on discriminating the letter names and sounds that have been taught. Please continue to practice the capital and lower-case letter names and sounds with your child at home.

Gabrielle was our first Kindergartner to take home and return our Magical Letter Can. She returned the can with 5 items that began with the "b" sound (book, beads, bracelet, buttons and ball) on Tuesday. I read each clue for each item that she and her family wrote for the Kindergartners. They had fun guessing what Gabrielle had put in the can. Thank you to Gabrielle's family for making learning fun! Mrs. Abid will send the Magical Letter Can home with another student on Friday.

Thank you to all families for sending an apple to school with your child on Monday. We placed each apple on our long, classroom vinyl number line (0 - 20) and counted the apples. We also made a Venn diagram using our classroom hula hoops. All red apples were placed in the left side of our diagram, all green or yellow apples were placed in the right side of the diagram and all the apples that were a little bit of both (red/green or red/yellow) were placed in the center of the diagram. The boys and girls did very well with this activity.

We also made crockpot applesauce in our classroom which took about 4 hours. Each child helped to cut slices of apples into small pieces which were then put into the crockpot. At the end of the day, each Kindergartner took home a small container of applesauce which was made with apples, brown sugar, cinnamon and water. We hope you liked it.

Please practice identifying numbers 1 - 30 with your child. The boys and girls are doing well counting these numbers orally, but identifying individual numbers when looking at the calendar or a flash card, for instance, is more difficult for the children.

This week each child made a paper spider by having white paint put on their hands and then pressing their handprint on a piece of black paper. Next, each Kindergartner cut out their handprint to make the body and legs. We will place the handmade spiders on our classroom door which we are decorating for the school-wide Halloween door decorating contest sponsored by the Student Council.

The excitement is building in our classroom as Halloween is getting closer. As a class, we read 8 sentences about Halloween that were placed in our classroom pocket chart. We then took turns matching the right picture to each sentence. Each Kindergartner then took a turn to pick a sentence and read it while pointing to each word in the sentence.

Thank you for returning the paper pumpkin that you decorated for our October Family Project. They are all so creative! It was great fun to see each pumpkin as each Kindergartner presented their creation to the class.

Our classroom Halloween party will be held on Monday at 1:50PM in our classroom. All are invited to come. If your child would like to dress up for the party, please send their costume to school on this day. The boys and girls will change into their costume beginning at about 1:35PM. Please keep the costume simple enough that your child can change into it quickly. Parents are invited to come to school to help your child change into their costume.

We will have “Rosary Day” on Monday, November 7th. Each child will meet with me, one-on-one, to say the names of the prayers that are said when we touch the beads on the rosary. After each child has had their turn, he/she will “earn” a rosary to take home.

Please record the books you read to your child on the attached November Reading Record Sheet. If you have not returned the October Read Aloud Chart, please do so next week.

On the back of the November Reading Record Sheet is the November Family Fun Calendar. Please try to do at least 2 activities each week. After completing an activity, please color in that square.

Also attached are “November Recipes for Fun!” which has suggestions for family activities to do at home. Have fun with the activities you choose to do at home.

The end of the first quarter of school will be November 4th. Kindergartners do not receive a report card for the first quarter of school. Mrs. Abid and I will discuss your child’s progress with you at our upcoming Parent/Teacher conference.

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 31	Halloween Party in our classroom beginning at 1:50PM
November 4	End of First Quarter of School
November 7	Rosary Day – Students will “earn” a rosary to take home.
November 10	Picture Retake Day
November 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences – 5:00PM - 8:00PM
November 21	Parent/ Teacher Conferences – 5:00PM - 8:00PM
November 22	Half-day of school - 11:00AM dismissal
November 23 - 27	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation