

Friday, October 23rd, 2015

Dear Kindergarten Families,

As I type this letter to you, we are sitting in our classroom enjoying the reward for filling our classroom bucket! We are watching the cute movie "Ramona & Beezus" based off my favorite childhood book series. We are fixing to enjoy some popcorn shortly for our afternoon snack. It's been a fun day!

Here's our list of upcoming important dates:

- *Tuesday, October 27th: I'll be chaperoning my 7th grade son's class field trip to the Butterfly Pavilion, so Mrs. Shawnda Richmann will be subbing. ☺
- *Wednesday, October 28th: Library
- *Friday, October 30th: Sight Word Quiz—words #1-#20
- *Friday, October 30th: Family Reading Logs due
- *Friday, October 30th: Halloween Party
- *Tuesday, November 3rd-Friday, November 6th: Book Fair in the cafeteria from 3:45-5:00—check it out!!
- *Thursday, November 5th: Bookmobile's next visit to CCA
- *Friday, November 6th: Sight Word Quiz—words #1-#24
- *Friday, November 13th: Sight Word Quiz—words #1-#28
- *Saturday, November 14th: CCA's Annual Fall Festival. See the sign-up sheets in the hall to volunteer for a time slot to run our game. **We need 2 parents at each time slot to make our game a success and there are still multiple slots open. Please consider signing up!** There are also multiple items we still need donated for our game. Please check out that sign-up sheet as well.
- *Friday, November 20th: Sight Word Quiz—words #1-#32
- *Tuesday, November 24th-Friday, November 27th: Thanksgiving Break—no school
- *Friday, December 11th: Christmas Program, WCHS @ 6:30 p.m.
- *Friday, December 18th: early dismissal @ 1:00

As for our Halloween party on the 30th: children will put their costumes on at school @ 1:05 (you may want to come help your child put their costume on...); they won't wear them to school. We will begin with a parade of costumes in the gym at 2:15 and then we'll return to our classroom for our party with games, a craft, and of course, food! If you plan to bring younger siblings, please let me know how many, as Tonya Platt and Charity Young (our Halloween party planners) have gift bags for each child and would like to distribute them to siblings attending the party as well. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring goodies for our party!

Now that we've begun the 2nd quarter of the school year, we will be having music class as a special two times per week: Tuesdays & Fridays. This will help the children prepare for the Christmas Program! 3rd quarter, we'll go back to P.E. twice per week and 4th quarter we'll have art twice per week. And, just a heads-up, Kindergarten report cards will come home at the end of 1st Semester (look for them in January when we return from Christmas break).

In the CKLA Listening & Learning Strand, we continue our domain on Plants. Exciting news...the seeds in our greenhouse are sprouting! This upcoming week we will read a tall tale: Johnny Appleseed. We'll learn that a tall tale is a humorous story that stretches the truth. Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman but because of his love for apple trees, he got the nickname Johnny Appleseed. We'll also learn about deciduous trees and evergreen trees. By the end of the week, the children should be able to tell you how each type of tree is similar and different.

In the CKLA Skills Strand this upcoming week, we will work with the letters/sounds 'v,' 'z,' and 'd.' We will be using the letters/sounds we've learned so far to help us build, blend, and sound out words. We continue to work diligently on proper letter formation!

In math, we'll count to answer 'how many?' questions about as many as 20 things arranged in a line (or as many as 10 things in a scattered configuration), count to 100 by ones and tens, and observe that the order of numbers from 10 to 1 is the reverse order of numbers from 1 to 10.

The children continue to work through the keyboarding program "Keyboarding Without Tears" daily. They amaze me with their skills and growth! They are on the path to become quick, accurate typists!

I think that covers most of our upcoming week! Thanks for taking the time to read about it!

Warmly,
Mrs. Stacy Diller