

Kindergarten Newsletter
October 4th to October
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Handwriting: This week we worked on curves, straight lines and slants. The children practiced printing letters, n, h, b, and p. The children practiced x, w, y, and z. The children practiced printing their names using lined paper and proper letter formation. The children worked on printing number 1 in our handwriting workbooks.

Phonics: The children listened for sounds at the beginning and end of several words. The children practiced distinguishing whether sounds heard were at the beginning or end of a word. The children listened to several words and determined which words rhymed. The children identified rhyming words in the poem 'Leaves are Falling.' The children practiced oral language skills by answering questions and speaking in complete sentences. The children identified the sound of 'll' and listed several words that begin with that sound.

Language Arts: The children learned a few October finger plays and songs to recite aloud and identified sounds and sight words recognized during the activities. The children practiced a dictated sentence - The lion licks lollipops and illustrated the meaning of the sentence. The children identified

other words that begin with the sound of /ll/. I will begin to introduce letter sounds to the children, for each of the letters of the alphabet. As I introduce these sounds an instruction sheet will go home explaining the way the sound is introduced and some key words to help you practice with your child at home.

Math: We finished chapter one on sorting and classifying. We worked on a chapter booklet which helped the children identify objects that are alike and different. The children worked on sorting objects by shape, size and color. The children completed the chapter with a chapter review to check understanding. The children worked individually and in groups to sort different objects and graphed the result to share with each other in class.

Religion: The children have listened to the story of 'Creation.' The children identified all the things that God has made. The children completed a book about creation and talked about taking care of God's world.

Science: The children discussed the difference between living and non-living things. The children sorted groups of objects into categories. Living things are things that grow and change. Non-living things are things that do not grow or change.

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Social Studies: Christopher Columbus. The children explored the globe and identified where Italy was located. The children learned about Christopher Columbus. The children listened to a story about Columbus' long voyage to his final destination. The children finished an activity by creating one of his sailing ships.

Art: Pumpkins, cats and ghosts were our theme this week!!!!

Note: We are planning a field trip for Kindergarten. We are going pumpkin picking at Smolak Farm in North Andover. We have been there several times and it's lots of fun. Details will follow early next week. We will be sending detailed information about our trip and a permission slip that must be signed before the child can attend. Please make sure you sign the slip and return it to the teacher, as soon as possible. Thank you!!!!

A big thank you to all the Mom's who have helped out with lunch duty in the kindergarten building. The rain is gone so we look forward to a sunny week next week to be outside.