



Kindergarten Newsletter  
November 15-19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**STAR OF THE WEEK:** When we return from our Thanksgiving Break, we will be beginning our 'Star of the Week' program. Each child will have an opportunity to share a picture board (pictures of family, fun events, etc. on a poster board). The children will fill an information sheet that is sent home with your child. The week we return will be November 29<sup>th</sup>. The star of the week for that week will be Jessie Bosque-Hamilton. Congratulations, Jessie!

**Handwriting:** The children practiced all their lower and upper case letters of the alphabet. The children should be practicing their handwriting skills at home. Practice will make in school handwriting practice easier if they become more comfortable with printing. Please encourage your child to practice at home. Thank you!

**Handwriting:** The children were introduced to printing the upper and lower case /Cc/. The children practiced slants, curves, straight lines while forming the letters rr, nn, mm, and pp. The children practiced printing numbers 5, and 6,

**Phonics:** The children brainstormed a list of words that began with the sound of /c/. The children reviewed all letter sound taught. The children are encouraged to practice letter sounds at home. The sounds are written on our 32 box phonics paper for the children to practice. The children were introduced to letter sounds for y, u, k, o, and w. The children were introduced to the sound of /qu/. The children were introduced two sounds of /c/ like in cat and cent. The children were introduced to letter sound house words for the short /a/ sound. The words introduced were lap, tab, fan, and ham. We completed our week of phonics by making a turkey shaped tachistoscope to review the sight words learned so far.

**Dictation and Illustration sentences:** The children practiced using sounds taught to complete a simple sentences. The sentences

were: *Hands can clap. Dad has a cab. Cats nap.* The children completed the sentences with an illustration to make meaning of the sentence. The children practiced the sound of /c/ by completing a read, copy and draw page. The sentence this week was:

*The cat can curl up on a rug.*

**Social Studies:** The children listened to a story of "The First Thanksgiving." The children learned of a very long voyage that took place a long, long time ago. The children were asked to work in groups to complete the story parts. The children illustrated the voyage to America, meeting their native friends, the harvest, and the first Thanksgiving feast. The children placed their illustrations in chronological order and hung them in our hallway. The children listened to a few Native American stories and created simple sentences using sight words and symbols to adorn a paper bear skin rug. The children read aloud from the mini book *Pilgrim, Pilgrim*. The children reviewed many facts about the Pilgrim's plight.

**Language Arts:** The children listened to a story about Brother Eagle, Sister Sky. The children brainstormed Native American

names that they would have liked to be called.

**Religion:** The children identified and discussed some of the stories they recalled from the Bible. The children described the Bible as a special book in which God tells us about his love for us.

**Science:** The children listened to the story "Mouse Paint." The children discussed mixing colors. The children took turns mixing many colors to create a new color and color board. The children used their colors to sponge paint Indian corn. The children enjoyed making bright colors. The children engaged in another activity called colorful mixtures. The children used, milk, food coloring and liquid dish detergent to create a colorful explosion.

**Math:** The children were introduced to many activities which introduces the concept of one-to-one. The children worked on comparing groups to identify which groups contained more, less or the same as. The children completed an activity page after each lesson introduced.

**Art:** The children completed a Turkey Glyph for the month of November. This glyph helps the

children to share information  
about their Thanksgiving plans.

That was our week...

Mrs. Macarthy