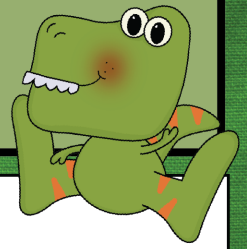


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

October 26, 2018



Greetings from our classroom...

The excitement of Halloween is in the air for our Kindergarteners. We spent time with our Buddies this week reading Halloween stories, created our own jack-o-lanterns and discussed what costumes we want to wear next week. Please make sure to check your child's folder tonight as their school photos are in there. They look amazing and I especially love our class photo. 😊



Learning a new letter...

This week in *Foundations*, we focused on the letters M and N. Sometimes distinguishing those two sounds is tricky but we did a lot of practicing and the students' hard work is paying off. We made mitten class books and monkeys and today did an M and N sort. We also learned how to form lower case m and n. The students did a great job!

Having Fun with Math!

We spent time on number recognition this week and patterns of numbers. We built number rows from 0-10 and several students identified the growing pattern of adding one number to each row. It was clear that many friends are beginning to recognize several numbers from 0-10. We also worked with the concept of one more and one less. Students used dinosaur counters to figure out how many were swimming in a lake, and what would happen every time we added one more. Yesterday the students worked with partners to play "pocket math." They placed counters in envelope pockets and would ask their partners to use other counters to show how many were in the pocket. They would add or remove 1 or 2 counters at a time to practice one more and one less.



Love the changing colors of leaves!

We began a closer examination of students' favorite part of trees, the leaves. We went on a wonderful leaf hunt all around Willard on Monday and collected many varieties of leaves. The students made pictures using one of their leaves and we discussed some of the ways that leaves can be the same and different and drew our observations of leaf shapes in our Science journals today.

Halloween Fun with our Buddies!

We spent a lot of time with our buddies on Wednesday. In the morning we rode on the bus with them during our building evacuation drill. They were such good role models for us, remaining quiet and calm throughout the whole procedure. In the afternoon, we got together to share a funny Halloween book and then the students made colorful fingerprint Halloween pictures. Lots of fun!

Reminders for Next Week:

- The Book Fair is Monday, October 29th. We will be there as a class from 11:10-11:35. Parents are welcome to join us in the cafeteria to help select books. If you plan to send money in with your child, please put it in the envelope that was sent home and return it Monday morning.
- Wednesday will be the Kindergarten Halloween Parade. Students should bring their costumes in a bag marked with their name. There will be extra adults here to help that morning. No prop weapons are allowed. Please make sure that any masks offer clear visibility for students. Thank you!

