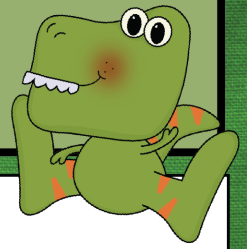


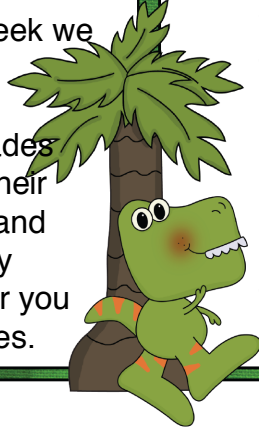
# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

November 2, 2018



## Greetings from our classroom...

Wow! What an amazing Halloween week we had in Kindergarten! Thank you to the parents who assisted with costume changes for our parade. The older grades really loved seeing the K students in their costumes. We made jack-o-lanterns and "feelings" pumpkins that are on display outside of our classroom and ready for you to view when you arrive for conferences.

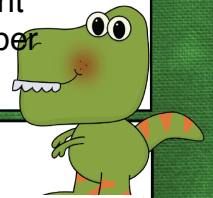


## Foundations News...

This week we learned about vowels for the first time, specifically i and u. The short vowel sounds are challenging for students to isolate early on, but they did a great job stretching out those sounds during the lessons and also in learning to properly form the letters. I can already see the jump that students are making in being able to identify several sounds! ☺

## Having Fun with Math!

This week we introduced ten frames and practiced different ways to make groups of numbers up to 10 using ten frames. We also continued to explore shapes and created circle collages to hang in our classroom. Students next practiced the skill of sorting. They worked with a partner to sort different types of items such as crayons and markers according to a sorting rule that they developed. Students learned that the same items could be sorted many different ways. The students also practiced putting numbers in counting order today by building colorful paper rocket ships. The numbers 1-10 needed to be glued on in the right order. They did a great job using strategies such as counting out loud and using a number line to make sure they were placing the numbers in the right order.



## Welcome to Fall!

Halloween was a fun day in our classroom! The students did a fantastic job changing in and out of their costumes and keeping everything together so that nothing got lost. We loved marching through the whole building during our Kindergarten parade and we received many compliments on our beautiful costumes. We spent the early part of our week doing many fun Halloween-themed activities and we talked about how to be safe while trick-or-treating.

## Willard Book Fair Visit

We started this week with a visit to the Willard Book Fair on Monday. The students did an excellent job choosing books and handling their new purchases with care. Special thanks to the PTG volunteers who organized the Book Fair. I also appreciate the new books our class received from some of our families - the children are already enjoying them in class. Many thanks!

## Reminders for Next Week:

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is next Tuesday, Nov. 6. As a reminder, students DO NOT have school that day. I look forward to seeing all of you to talk about your children and all of the wonderful things they are doing this year in Kindergarten! ☺

