

# Friday Flyer



Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is October already and we are quickly approaching conferences and Halloween.

## Halloween Parties

Our Halloween party will be on **Wednesday, October 31st**. More information will be coming along later, with a sign up for items needed for our party.

## Morning Snack

Please remember to send your child to school **everyday** with a **healthy** snack (even when having hot lunch). This is important to their learning!  
Thank You.

## Language Arts

During Spelling through Phonics we have added more consonants to our learning as spellers. The children were anxiously waiting for their first vowel to be given in this program. Well, they got the short (a) and now we can spell whole words!! This is super exciting because we have discussed that you have to have a vowel in EVERY word in order to spell words correctly. What could be more exciting!!

During Readers Workshop, our comprehension strategy for the next month or so will be learning how to identify the beginning, middle, and ending stories. This organization of text is important to understand, because it supports our comprehension. The reading strategies that your children have been taught are, when we get stuck on a word...1. look at the picture and think of what word would make sense and 2. Back up and reread the sentence while getting our mouth ready for the first sound in the unknown word and 3. Stretching and blending the sounds we hear in the unknown words. Next week, we will review backing up and rereading, knowing sight words in a snap,

and bringing up our schema about the information in the book before we start reading.

During writer's workshop, we continued to work on stretching our words to hear more sounds, using spaces between our words and adding details about a personal experience. I also introduced quotation marks and suggested they try to add dialogue to their writing pieces. I am so impressed with how much writing the children are producing! Many are stretching their stories across 4-5 pages. We are also working hard on making our sentences a 5 star sentence. (Start with a capital letter, spaces, neat, make sense and punctuation)

### Math

We wrapped up our first math unit with lots of story problem practice, containing both addition and subtraction stories, and games. We will continue to practice our counting and identification of higher numbers. Unit 2 is all about exploring shapes. This week we have learned about hexagons, rhombuses and what other shapes can make these shapes. We also reviewed more common shapes and discussed the attributes that define them.

\*\*\*Thank you so much for your help and support. You've established good homework routines and have done an outstanding job of getting your children to school on time and ready to learn! First grade is fast paced; your child would not be having a successful experience without the team effort of home and school.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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