

Dear Parents,

November 21, 2014



This week we met Mr. D. Mr. D does a dazzling dance in his daring dance costume! We discussed words that begin with /d/ sound and we talked about the different sounds Dd can make. There is the /d/ sound in DeBoer (Joslyn and Kolton's last name), Dice (Jaxon's last name), dog, duck, doctor, and doughnut. There is also the /t/ sound in stopped, talked, and walked. We also discussed the softer sound Dd can make in middle, griddle, and fiddle. See how many words you and your child can spot that contain the letter Dd while you are out and about.

Our theme of the week was on Thanksgiving, the pilgrims and Native Americans. We talked about how the pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower and docked at Plymouth Rock. The students learned how the Native Americans taught



the pilgrims how to grow corn, berries, etc. and how to hunt for food and survive the long, cold winters. We also discussed how we all have many things to be 'thankful' for. Please discuss with your child what things you are thankful for ☺



In math, the students worked with pattern blocks and made many different designs. Some of the images the students designed included: bird, flower, flag, car, boat, fish, train, and dog. It was awesome to watch them be creative and bring the blocks to life ☺ The students



also worked with a dice game finding numbers to ten, solving addition story problems, and building a turkey jigsaw puzzle.

Next week we will continue our theme on Thanksgiving. The students will join the other Kindergarten classes to enjoy a "Thanksgiving Feast" with popcorn, pumpkin bars, and beef sticks for snack. We will review letters, sounds, and numbers.



Have a safe and warm weekend!

Mrs. Galles

### **Books we read this week:**

- Pilgrims of Plymouth by Susan E. Goodman
- Thanksgiving Day at Our House by Nancy White Carlstrom
- The Very First Thanksgiving Day by Rhonda Gowler Greene
- Detective Dog and the Disappearing Doughnuts by Valerie Garfield
- Thanksgiving is Here! by Diane Goode
- 'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving by Dav Pilkey
- The Great Turkey Race by Steve Metzger
- Thanks for Thanksgiving by Julie Markes
- Thanksgiving Mice! by Bethany Roberts
- A Plump and Perky Turkey by Teresa Bateman

### **Next Week:**

Letter: **Review**

Everyday words: **Review**

Math: **Review**

## Upcoming Events:

- **Early Dismissal/NO SCHOOL:** Wed. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 for Thanksgiving Holiday. NO SCHOOL Thurs. Nov. 27 – Fri. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Early Dismissal:** Wed. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30 Elem. only Professional Development Day.
- **Jr K/Kindergarten Holiday Concert:** Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 High School Auditorium. Look for more details to come once date gets closer 😊
- **Book Exchange gift:** please send by Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the note stapled to your child's folder. Please make sure to write to and from on the wrapped gift. We will open them the Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any questions 😊
- **Early Dismissal:** Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 Winter Break Begins
- **Classes Resume:** Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> (Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Teacher In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> President's Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 (All Buildings)
- **Kindergarten Round up:** Thursday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. No School for current Jr. K and Kindergarten students (grades 1 – 12 will have school as normal). Jr. K students do not need to attend round up. \*Snow dates will be March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> if needed.

## Kindervention:

**Week of Aug 25<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Mm **Everyday words:** I, like, to

**Week of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Letter Tt **Everyday words:** and, are, you

**Week of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Ff **Everyday words:** do, see, the

**Week of Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Nn **Everyday words:** made, my

**Week of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Letter Hh **Everyday words:** is, there

**Week of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Letter review **Everyday words:** review

**Week of Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Aa **Everyday words:** me

**Week of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Pp **Everyday words:** a, on

**Week of Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Zz **Everyday words:** they

**Week of Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Bb **Everyday words:** it

**Week of Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Letter li **Everyday words:** will

**Week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Ss **Everyday words:** go, at, when

**Week of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Letter Dd **Everyday words:** have, in

**Week of Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Review **Everyday words:** review

