

Dear Parents,

November 7, 2014

Wow! Already the month of November! Hard to believe that we've been in school for 59 days of school 😊 Time flies when we're having fun!



This week we met Mr. **I** and his impossible inches! His impossible inches refuse to work together to measure things. Discuss units of measurement with your child. Encourage him or her to use a ruler to decide how many inches long an item is. For more fun and longer items, allow your child to try their hand at a tape measure. We discussed words that begin with the /i/ sound such as igloo, inch, insects, instruments, and many others! Ask your child to list as many words as they can that begin with **Ii**! We also read the poem *The Littlest Worm*. In the poem a little girl has a worm in her juice straw and she sips it down! Yuck! Discuss this fun poem with your child and see what they can remember.



This week our theme was about bats. We learned many interesting facts about bats. Some of our favorite facts include: bats are mammals, bats are nocturnal, bats can fly, bats have 4 fingers and a small thumb, bats find food and locate objects through echolocation, baby bats are called pups, and bats live in colonies. See if you child can name any more facts about bats that we learned this week 😊



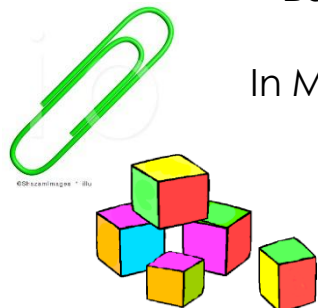
Our color of the week was pink. This was our last color word to learn how to spell. Next week we will review all the colors and wear our favorite color on Friday, November 14th 😊

Pink (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Cotton candy, fat pink pigs
Girls with socks and bows
P-I-N-K, P-I-N-K
That is how it goes!
Bubble gum, valentines
These are all pink too
Pink icing and pink balloons
We can spell, can you?

Books we read this week:

- *Bats Night Fliers* by Betsy Maestro
- *Bats* by Gail Gibbons
- *Bats* by Lily Wood
- *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon
- *Bat Jamboree* by Kathi Appelt



In Math the students used many nonstandard forms of measurement to measure things throughout the room. Some of the nonstandard forms of measurement we used included: paper clips, links, blocks, candy corn,

cubes, and pennies. Another fun activity we completed was creating our own bat using pattern shapes. We discussed the idea of symmetry (how things are alike on both sides). It was fun to see how creative the students became when designing their own bats. Once the bat was complete, the students wrote down how many of each shape they used. The students also solved addition problems involving bats, trees, and fruit.



Next week our topic will be on spiders. Our letter of the week will be Ss. In Math we will continue to work with measurement, create images using pattern blocks, and continue to solve basic addition problems.



Have a safe and enjoyable three day weekend.

Mrs. Galles

Next Week:

Letter: **Ss**

Color: **Review**

Everyday words: **go, when**

Math: measurement, pattern blocks, simple addition story problems.

Upcoming Events:

- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Nov. 10th (Veteran's Day Observed).
- **Early Dismissal:** Wed. Nov. 19th @ 1:30 All Buildings. Professional Development Day.
- **Early Dismissal/NO SCHOOL:** Wed. Nov. 26th @ 1:30 for Thanksgiving Holiday. NO SCHOOL Thurs. Nov. 27 – Fri. Nov. 28th.
- **Early Dismissal:** Wed. Dec. 3rd @ 1:30 Elem. only Professional Development Day.
- **Jr K/Kindergarten Holiday Concert:** Thurs. Dec. 11th @ 6:30 High School Auditorium. Look for more details to come once date gets closer 😊
- **Early Dismissal:** Fri. Dec. 19th @ 1:30 Winter Break Begins
- **Classes Resume:** Jan. 5th (Beginning 3rd Quarter)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Jan. 16th Teacher In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Jan. 19th Martin Luther King Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Jan. 21st @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 4th @ 1:30 (Elem. only)
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Feb. 13th In Service
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Feb. 16th President's Day
- **Early Dismissal:** Wednesday, Feb. 25th @ 1:30 (All Buildings)
- **Kindergarten Round up:** Thursday Feb. 26th and Friday, Feb. 27th. 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 5th and 6th if needed.

Kindervention:

Week of Aug 25th: Letter Mm **Everyday words:** I, like, to

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

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

Week of Sept. 15th: Letter Nn **Everyday words:** made, my

Week of Sept. 23rd: Letter Hh **Everyday words:** is, there

Week of Sept. 30th: Letter review **Everyday words:** review

Week of Oct. 6th: Letter Aa **Everyday words:** me

Week of Oct. 13th: Letter Pp **Everyday words:** a, on

Week of Oct. 20th: Letter Zz **Everyday words:** they

Week of Oct. 27th: Letter Bb **Everyday words:** it

Week of Nov. 3rd: Letter Ii **Everyday words:** will

Week of Nov. 11th: Letter Ss **Everyday words:** go, when