

Dear Parents,

Friday, Oct. 10th, 2014



This week we met Ms. Aa and she sneezes, “a-choo!” when she’s happy. We emphasized the /ă/ sound as in cat, man, apple, and tan. We focused on looking for the letter Aa and the sound /ă/ in our classroom, objects, books, and worksheets. We listed words that begin with the letter Aa such as apron, apple, alligator, Alexis, Alice, and ant. Ask your child to point to different objects or words that start with the letter Aa. Ask your child to identify which sound they hear: the /ă/ sound as in cat or the /ā/ sound like in name.

This past week the students learned about fire prevention. The firefighters from the North Sioux City Fire Department dropped off lots of information on fire safety. The students had fun learning about the firefighters gear/equipment and seeing the fire trucks from the books and videos we viewed. The students learned what to do if they were on fire; stop, drop, and roll. We also discussed the importance of knowing their phone number with area code as well as home addresses. Please continue to work on these concepts with your child at home.



And a big “thank you” for helping your children learn and draw their own fire escape plans. It was fun to watch the students discuss the location of the fire and where they needed to go for safety. Hopefully they never need to use them; but it’s better to be safe and have a plan.

In Math our focus was on numbers five and six. We continued focusing on the different ways to represent each number. Some of our favorite ways are tally marks and using manipulatives. In Math centers, the students solved story problems using friend's names and finding leaves on the ground. We also started to introduce fact families during calendar using the tens frame, making and writing number sentences, and sharing our thinking to solve the problem.

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Next week we will start our two week unit on pumpkins. Thank you to all the parents who helped provide supplies and donations to make our hands on projects complete. We will learn the life cycle of a pumpkin, explore the insides of a pumpkin, and watch the process of decomposition of our pumpkin. With the pumpkin seeds our class will try to grow our own pumpkin and keep a journal on the changes

we see 😊

In Math we will work with numbers 7 and 8, continue to work with tens frames and fact families, and introduce estimation. Please continue to work on number formation with your child at home. Providing a solid foundation will insure many endless possibilities in your child's math future 😊

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Our class field trip is Friday, Oct. 17th at Autumn Grove Apple Orchard in Sioux City. Please make sure to send your \$4.00 if you haven't done so already. Also, students need to wear tennis shoes and send a sack lunch (please remember our peanut policy when packing your child's lunch). Also please dress in layers to make sure we are dressed for the changing weather 😊

Have a super weekend.

Mrs. Galles

Next Week:

Letter: Pp

Color: brown

Everyday words: a, on

Math: number 7 and 8

Upcoming Events:

- **Early Dismissal:** Oct. 15th @ 1:30 Elem. only Professional Development Day.
- **Field Trip:** Friday, Oct. 17th ☺ **Where:** The Autumn Grove Apple Orchard **What is needed:** \$4.00, a sack lunch, and comfortable clothing/tennis shoes ☺ Please refer to note sent home in your child's folder ☺
- **Fall Festival Party:** Friday, Oct. 31st (no costumes may be worn to school) from 11:30 – 12:30. If you would like to volunteer or help plan ideas for the party, please send me an email. I'll be sure to include you on our list ☺
- **Early Dismissal:** Wed. Nov. 5th @ 1:30 Elem. only Professional Development Day.
- **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.
- **Early Dismissal:** Fri. Dec. 19th Winter Break Begins

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