

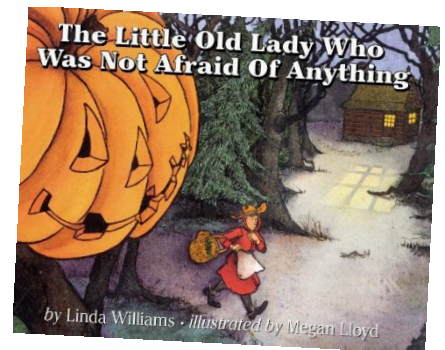
Dear Parents,

October 31, 2014



This week we met Mr. B and his beautiful buttons! We also read the poem *Busy Beavers* by Edith Brown Kirkwood. We discussed words that begin with the /b/ sound such as Braya, Bryce, Beau, Barnhart, Bernard, Boonstra, bananas, busy, ball, butterfly, and many others! Ask your child to list as many words as they can that begin with Bb!

This week we did many fun things that involved our theme of Halloween. The students acted out one of their favorite books from this week, The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything, by Linda Williams. They each took turns being the different characters from the story and listening to their friends act when they didn't have a part. I'd say we have some pretty talented students 😊



Our color this week was black. How many things can you think of that are black? Create a list with your child of all the black things you can think of together. Practice letter formation and recognizing letter sounds.

Black (Tune: She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain)

B-L-A-C-K spells black

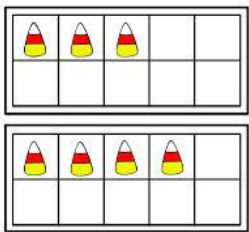
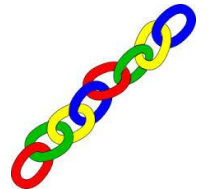
B-L-A-C-K spells black

Flying bats are black
Scary cats are black
Jelly beans are black
I like black
B-L-A-C-K spells black
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Sunday shoes are black
Santa's boots are black
B-L-A-C-K spells black



In Math the students worked on solving story problems about candy, bats, and witches. The students are doing a great job not only solving the problems, but also with writing a number sentence to show their thinking.

The students used nonstandard forms of measurement to measure our classroom pumpkin. Some of the instruments we used to measure

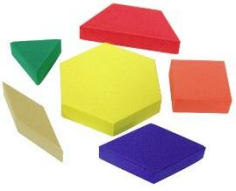


included: links, paper clips, blocks, cubes, markers, and own choice. We continued working with tens frames, modeled and demonstrated how certain numbers should look on a tens frame, and also worked with fact

families. It was a busy, fun learning week in math 😊

Next week we will learn facts about bats, our letter of the week will be li, and in math we





will continue working with addition facts, experiment with patterning blocks to make images, and use nonstandard forms of measurement for different items around the room.

And lastly I want to thank all the parents who came to help our kids have a blast at our Fall Festival party ☺ It was well planned and fun was had by all ☺ Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to our classroom!

I hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween weekend. Don't eat too much candy ☺

Mrs. Galles



Books we read this week:

- *Go Away Big Green Monster!* by Ed Emberley
- *Candy Witch* by Steven Kroll
- *Fright Night Flight* by
- *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams
- *Goodnight Goon* by Michael Rex
- *The Spooky Wheels on the Bus* by J. Elizabeth Mills
- *Spooky Hour* by Tony Mitton
- *Five Spooky Ghosts Playing Tricks at School* Steve Metzger
- *Halloween Night* Arden Druce
- *Who Will Haunt My House on Halloween Night?* Jerry Pallotta

- *One Halloween Night* by Mark Teague
- *Skeleton Meets the Mummy* by Steve Metzger
- *The Night Before Halloween* by Natasha Wing

Next Week:

Letter: **Ii**

Color: **Pink**

Everyday words: **will**

Math: counting on strategies, tens frames, and measurement

Upcoming Events:

- **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. 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

