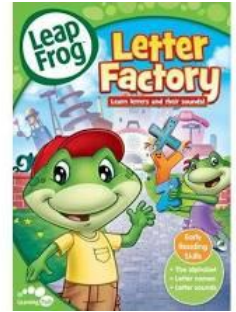


September 12, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We had a very busy week in our classroom this week. The students enjoyed participating and exploring many hands on activities. We also have really been exploring our letter sounds. The students have been singing the Leap Frog Letter Factory song and using our interactive white board to play a game that helps with letter sounds.

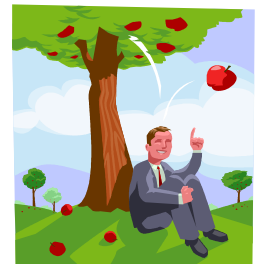


The students learned about the letter Ff this week. We were introduced to Ms. F, our letter person of the week. She is special because she has “funny feet.” We looked at items and picture cards to prove they started with the /f/ sound. In order to prove if a word started with the /f/ sound we would say, “Funny feet _____” and decide if the object made that sound or not. We also discussed the placement of our teeth and lips when we made the /f/ sound.

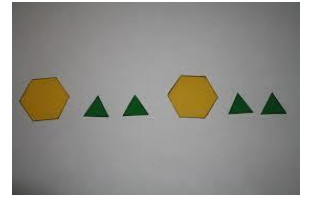


Our poetry flip chart for the week was Five Little Speckled Frogs. From this poem we located and used hi-lighter tape over rhyming words. Please continue to ask your child to “name a word that rhymes with _____” or “do _____ and _____ rhyme?” to check for understanding.

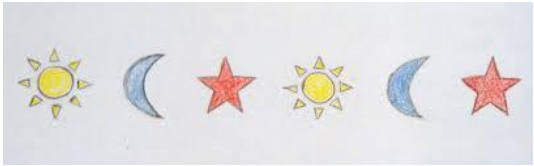
Along with the letter Ff we did many activities with apples. We kicked off the theme by brainstorming all the different products made from apples. Some of these items included: apples, apple bread, applesauce, apple crisp, apple cider, Apple Jacks, dried apples, and apple juice. Help your child to think of more items. Next week we are going to taste three different types of apples: red delicious, golden delicious, and granny smith. Once the tasting is complete we then graph and share our results ☺



In Math, the students continued learning and working with patterns. We used pattern bears to create patterns using colors. The students enjoyed sharing their patterns with friends. Another way to make patterns was using our bodies to clap, snap, stomp,



or jump. Please ask your child to show you a pattern using their bodies. Some of the patterns the students worked with included: AB, ABB, AAB, and ABC. The students both created and



extended patterns on their own. We then used this knowledge to solve patterning problems in our math journals.



Our color of the week was orange. We learned a cute song that taught us how to spell orange and named objects that are orange. We also watched the color orange video which helped us read the words as we sang the song. Please practice singing this song with your child.

Next week, we will begin our letter focus on the letter Nn. Please practice writing both the upper and lower case letter, talk about the /n/ sound, and try to find different objects that start with the letter Nn. When practicing letters, please remind your child to write the letter from the top line



all the way down to the bottom line and below if needed.

We will continue doing Apple activities next week. If you haven't done so already, please send a medium sized apple to school with your child by Tuesday, Sept. 16th. We will use them to make homemade applesauce. In Math we will beginning working with numbers 1 and 2. We will learn about each number individually, learn how to write the number



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as well as the word, and also discover how it looks if we use tally marks as well as a tens frame. Our color of the week will be purple. **Please have your child wear purple on Friday, September 19th.**

Have a great weekend! Mrs. Galles

Reminders:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 16th:** Please send 1 apple to school with your child for multiple activities to do throughout the week. Any kind of apple is fine 😊
- **Friday, Sept. 19th:** Please have your child wear purple to school to show our HOMECOMING SPIRIT😊.
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Sept. 22nd. Teacher In-Service.
- **HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES: Sept. 15 – 19th, 2014**

- **2014 ES Dakota Valley
Homecoming Dress Up Days
THEME: “Welcome to the Jungle”**

- **Monday: Safari / Jungle Day** (safari guide / animal print day)
- **Tuesday ~ Crazy Hair / Hat Day**
- **Wednesday: Color Day**
4th Grade ~ Orange
3rd Grade ~ Red
2nd Grade ~ Yellow
1st Grade ~ Purple
Kindergarten ~ Blue
Pre-K ~ Green
- **Thursday: ‘Merica Day (Red/White/Blue)**
- **Friday: Spirit Day**
- **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, Sept. 22nd. Teacher In-Service.

- **Tues. Sept. 30th:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for signup sheet soon. Conferences Elem. only from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed. Oct. 1st:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for signup sheet soon. Conferences all buildings from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs. Oct. 2nd:** Early Dismissal @ 1:30 Teacher In Service.
- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Oct. 3rd. Staff Compensation Day.

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. 15^h: Letter Nn **Everyday words:** made, my