



Kindergarten Newsletter

Important Reminders

- **November 2nd- Parent teacher conferences (half day of school)**
- (Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Sign Up Sheet will be posted on ParentSquare when the date gets closer. This is a **half day**. Students will be **dismissed at 11:20am!**)
- **November 7th- Election day (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**
- **November 10th- Veteran's Day observed (wear red white and blue)**
- **November 13th and 14th- Picture day**
- **November 23rd & 24th- Thanksgiving Break (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)**

As the weather gets colder, please dress your child accordingly (jackets, hats, etc.) Make sure to label all items that are sent to school!

Phonics to Reading

Consonants: Cc, Ff, Dd, Hh

Vowels: Short Oo

Sight Words: here, is, this, it, in, an, park, and, dad, house, mom

We will be learning the names of each letter, the sound they make, proper formation of each letter and words that begin with each letter.

Teachers College Readers Workshop

Kindergarten: In the second reading unit, students will continue to read emergent storybooks. Readers will learn to reread and look closely at books they know well to make their reading sound like a story.

Teachers College Writers Workshop

Kindergarten: In the next writing unit, students will make texts that are all about true stories. Students will think about something they have done, practice telling their story with a partner, and use pictures and words in their writing to talk about who they were with, where they were, and what they were doing. Students will also be introduced to a "speech bubble". Students will use a speech bubble to make their characters in their story come to life!

Math

Kindergarten: In the second math unit, students will learn about two- and three-dimensional shapes. They will begin to learn how to identify flats and solids. They will also compare two- and three-dimensional shapes and their attributes.

Social Studies

Social Studies: In Social Studies, students will learn about important November holidays like Veteran's Day (November 11th) and Thanksgiving (November 24th). Through videos, books, and discussion students will learn what these two holidays are and why we celebrate them.

Home Connection

Literacy

- To build comprehension and make connections have children “act out” books or poems. Choose a familiar poem or book, like The Itsy Bitsy Spider, and have students create actions or movements to go along with each line or page.
- Encourage your child to tell stories, using their imagination. Ask “and then what happened?” to urge the story along. Encourage your child to express themselves to help develop a richer vocabulary.

Math

- Incorporate math by playing games or doing activities that involve counting like jumping jacks, push-ups, or kicks of a soccer ball. Set a timer and encourage children to do as many jumping jacks, push-ups (etc.) in a given time frame.
- Build something with your child to incorporate measuring, adding, and counting into everyday play. Ask your child to count how many blocks they used to build a tower. Ask questions like “How high can you build that stack of legos?,” “Can you make a square?”

Social/Emotional Development

- As our children are trying to make sense of the world around them it is important to give them different strategies and skills to help them problem-solve during challenging encounters or encounters.
- Think Aloud: as your child hears your thinking process, it helps him/her understand how to cope with frustration and solve problems: “Whoops. My favorite shopping bag has a hole in it. I’d better take another one with me to the grocery store.”

