Kindergarten News October 26, 2018

Important Dates:

Oct.30th - Spookley Field Trip

Oct.31st - Halloween Party

Nov.20th - Picture Retakes

Problem and Investigation: We worked on learning about tally marks. We practiced building groups of tally marks by using popsicle sticks. We talked about how the fifth stick is often called the gate because it makes the group look like a gate.

Home/School Connection: Counting Backwards: Practice having your child count backwards from 15. If he/she needs a challenge, have him/her count back from 20.

Fiction Read Aloud: This week our theme was spiders. We read a fun rhyming story and created our own rhyming web. We practiced sequencing and retelling by creating our own webs and sequencing all the yummy treats that landed on the web in the story.

Home/School Connection: Stop and Summarize: When reading to your child, stop after a few pages and have your child summarize what happened in those pages.

Phonemic Awareness: We are working on counting how many words are in a sentence. The teacher says a sentence and the children repeat the sentence while counting the words. Home/School Connection: Draw a Rhyme: Say a word that rhymes with the object you want your child to draw. Say to your child, "Draw an animal that rhymes with fat (cat)." log (dog), dish (fish), wig (pig), funny (bunny), cake (snake), etc.

Note from Ms. Verner:

Thanks to everyone who came for conferences. I appreciate you taking time to come and discuss your child's progress. And, thank you for your support in your child's learning. Together, we can make his/her time here in kindergarten a success!

Math Stations: The children are enjoying playing the station games. Before the game goes into a station, we play the game together. The current games focus on writing numbers, building patterns, building quantities on a math rack, and building a group of five.

Home/School Connection: Shaving Cream Numbers: Have your child practice number formation in shaving cream.

Non-Fiction: We read informational books about spiders. Before reading, we shared what we already knew about spiders and put it on our graphic organizer. After reading, we added any new learning and discussed any misconceptions we had about spiders.

Home/School Connection: Ask your child to share what he/she learned this week about spiders.

Reminders:

Winter Clothing: Please remember to send your child with all the proper items for the cold weather. Please make sure you put your child's name on all his/her items. It is not uncommon for children to have the same boots and snow pants.

Zipping and Buttoning: Please continue to work with your child to learn how to get dressed for the winter on his/her own.

Donations:

Clorox Wipes: We could use some Clorox wipes to help keep our room disinfected.

Winter Clothing: If you have any winter clothing that does not fit your child but could possibly fit another kindergartner, please consider donating the item(s) for those times when a child forgets his/her winter gear.