

Mrs. Harris's Class

October 19, 2015



RIVER VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Room 9 News

Reading/Writing

This month we have been learning facts about spiders and bats, wild things, and the life cycle of a pumpkin next week.

We have focused on what fiction and nonfiction mean. We are also covering concepts of print such as the cover and back of the book, the title and title page, which way we turn the page and read the words, the difference between a letter and a word, and the jobs of the author and illustrator.

We have used a variety of pointers to help us read. Please be sure your child is pointing under words as he/she reads the books to you that are coming home.

Centers

Art:
Pumpkin Crayon Resist

Language Game: Rhyming Boards with toys

Word Study:
Scarecrow sight word page

IPads:
Pumpkin Match

Math

We have spent a significant amount of time learning the combinations for 5. This is something that needs to be memorized (i.e. 1+4, 4+1, 2+3, 3+2, 5+0, 0+5). We have also practiced recognizing numbers on a ten frame and numbers that are greater and less. Today we told story problems with character masks and learned how to read a number sentence like a mathematician. Counting to 30 is an important skill to practice if your child has not mastered it yet.

Word Study

This month's sight words are *my, it, is, see, at, can, on, and we*. Please be sure to practice the flashcards at least 3 times a week for memorization. Every week we focus on a poem and then on Friday we put it in our Poetry Folder highlighting any sight words we know. This week our poem is "Five Little Monsters". We also put our sight words in a little notebook and record a sentence for each word.

HOMEWORK: Please have your child do the homework in pencil in case he/she needs to erase. It is due every Friday. Thank you for your support.

We have spent a lot of time focusing on rhyming words. This is the number 1 indicator for success in reading. Please practice at home if your child struggles to recognize if 2 words rhyme or not.

FYI

****Oct. 22-23 No School

Parent Conferences

I am looking forward to meeting with you about your child's progress in kindergarten.

October 30-Farmstead Pumpkin Patch Field Trip 9:20-12:00

Halloween Party 2:30-3:55 We will start with the parade.

Nov. 5- Picture Retakes

Nov. 11- No School

Nov. 20- No School

Nov. 23-27 No School