

October 17, 2010

Hello Parents!

Hard to believe we are halfway through October all ready! This week is sure to move quickly with a half day on Wednesday. Please remember students will be dismissed at 12:00 on Wednesday. The Boys and Girls Club is open, but none of the afterschool programs will be running.

In Reading, we continued working with the short a sound. Our story was a non-fiction story, "A Day at School." The students enjoyed comparing our school day to the girl's in the story. We also read 4 poems and discussed the different elements of poetry. I am trying to get the students to focus on 4 things in their writing right now: capitalizing the first letter in the sentence, putting an end mark at the end, spelling their high frequency words correctly, and forming their letters correctly. They are working hard on these goals! Please help me out with this by checking over any written homework they may have and reminding them to do these things.

In Math we completed our first unit on early number activities and review. Please look over the "Unit Test" in your child's folder. This was completed with a partner. This early in the year we will not be completing the unit test independently. This unit served as a review. I am pleased, however, with the growth the children showed over the course of the unit. Some of the new vocabulary the children learned includes: partner, total, altogether, double partners, break apart, and odd and even. These vocabulary words will continue to be revisited throughout the rest of the year.

Reminders:

1. Wednesday is a half day! There is a 12:00 dismissal. Breakfast will be served. You do not need to send a snack with your child.
2. Monday, October 24, is U.N. Day. Please join us if you would like for our celebration out in front of the building beginning at 9:30.
3. Next Wednesday, October 26, is the Pumpkin Run. It will take place at 1:30. Feel free to come and run with us!
4. Please be sure your child is reading with you for 15-20 minutes each night. This can be you reading to them, them reading to you, or a combination of the two.
5. Also, it is your child's job to read the weekly poem to at least one person a night. The poem needs to stay in their folder for the entire week.

Have a great week!

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