

First Plymouth Learning Center

November 2017 Issue



Ladybugs:

Hello Ladybugs! I hope everyone had a great fall break and fun Halloween. I am excited to get back to class. This month we will be talking about our families and our neighborhood. Our color of the month is yellow and our shape is a rectangle. "The Family Book" by Todd Parr is our book of the month and colorfully illustrates how different and unique each family is. Along with learning about families we will also talk about fall, the changing weather, Thanksgiving and doing some fun turkey themed activities and crafts. Speaking of changing weather, please be sure make sure the kids come to class in warm shoes and attire and that your extra set of clothes is weather appropriate as well. Thanks so much.

- Ms. Miranda & Ms. Senait

From the Director...

Welcome to November! The weather is quickly changing from one day to the next. As it continues to get cooler, please remember to dress your child in appropriate clothing. We will always try to go outside if it's not raining or snowing, so please include a coat, hat and mittens. With the holiday season starting, if you let us know when your child won't be with us that would be greatly appreciated. A telephone call allows the teacher to plan for the right number of children. It is also helpful to know if your child is out due to illness, so that we may inform other parents if necessary.

We give thanks for our fantastic First Plymouth families! Happy Thanksgiving!

- Kiesha

Bunnies:

With another great month passing by for the Bunnies, we are excited for the start of November. Our focus this month is Family and My Neighborhood. Our shape this month is the rectangle and the color is yellow. We will also be introducing the letters G, H, I, the numbers 5 and start recognizing their names. The aim is to increase vocabulary and communication skills, along with knowledge and independency. The Bunnies have enjoyed this beautiful fall by noticing the changing in the leaves and how fun it is to play and stomp on them. We will continue to talk this month about the changing in the weather and how to be "Thankful". It is exciting to watch your toddler learn and explore new things and master new skills.

- Ms. Gerri and Ms. Senait

Bumblebees:

We hope you all had a wonderful week off for Fall break! We've been buzzing around doing fall activities and learning about pumpkins, fruits and vegetables. We learned about the color orange and other things that are orange and we discussed our shape of the month, square. November will find us discussing our families and our neighborhoods. As well as learning about the color yellow and other things that are yellow. Our shape of the month is a rectangle. We will continue learning about our letters and the sounds they make with a focus on letters T, J and L. We will be discussing numbers 0-20!

- Ms. Erika and Ms. Senait



Koalas:

Welcome back to school Koalas! I hope all of you enjoyed the break, I missed you so much. This month our theme is Health and Nutrition, our shape and color are rectangle and yellow, our focus letters and numbers are X, Y, K, and 0-15. We have been working a lot with the alphabet and letter sounds, the koalas are practicing counting one object at a time and working with ten frames. The koalas are getting better and better at writing their names and reading/making words using the sounds of the letters. We've been learning to sound out simple words while reading one on one. You can practice this at home using books, word cards, or sounding out words together while you write them. Whenever you talk about letters use the letter name, sound, and words with that letter. Happy Thanksgiving!

- Ms. Angela and Ms. Shelley

Brown Bears:

Brown Bears are rolling right along! Name writing and letter recognition are improving. Social skills are spot on and we are having fun with fine and gross motor skills. Please remember to sign up and bring an item for Stone Soup for Wednesday November 15. Also, as the weather cools, make sure your child is dressed for outdoor play. Outside time is an important part of child development and I really try to get the students outside everyday even if only for a few minutes. As always, thanks for the privilege of allowing me to teach your amazing children.

- Ms. Kathy and Ms. Shelley

Penguins:

The Penguins have been making amazing leaps in learning! We have been working hard learning how to sound out words and are now able to do reading activities in which we match two rhyming words or find a match between a picture and a word independently. We have taken inspiration from the books we read, writing about our teachers' secret lives, "Something Else" and what we love about Halloween. Our classroom is now adorned with beautiful spring, summer, and fall trees, as well as cats, bats, ghosts, spiders and jack-o-lanterns! We have been working with dice during Math Time, learning how to count up the numbers that we roll and then write an equation to represent it. It was my great pleasure to meet with the parents of every single Penguin for fall conferences and share in all the progress that the children are making! We have added waffles and pumpkin muffins to our cooking repertoire on Thursdays. In the coming weeks, we are looking forward to celebrating both Halloween and Thanksgiving, writing about what we are thankful for, creating "winter trees" and "turkey art", and tackling 20 frames in math!

- Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Shelley



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break

December 25- January 5- Winter Break

March 2 – Teacher In-Service –No School

March 26-30 –Spring Break

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