November 3, 2017

Dear TK Parents,

This week we focused on how to be healthy: exercise, sleep, and eating the right kinds of food.

In literacy, we reviewed the letters Mm, Aa, Ss, Tt, Ii and began letter Nn activities. We learned many words that begin with the letter “n” and practiced writing the correct letter formation for both the uppercase and lowercase letter. We shared our toys from home that begin with the letter “n”. We learned the sight words: brown, purple, pink. We practiced phoneme deletion (deleting the beginning sound of a word). We then replaced the beginning sound with other sounds to make rhymes. We read an emergent reader book, “Staying Healthy”. We focused on the book, Healthy Choices.

In math, we learned a new shape: square and that it has 4 sides and 4 corners similar to a rectangle, but that all of the lengths of the sides are the same. We also learned that putting two groups of objects together makes a bigger group and were introduced to addition.

For our science experiment of the week, we investigated whether fall objects would sink or float in water. Some of the objects we used were: gourds, a small pumpkin, rocks/stones, leaves, pine cones, and walnuts.

In social skills, we learned that it is important to think about other people’s feelings. We don’t want to make anyone feel badly. We discussed the importance of empathy and caring.

We had our Halloween festivities on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we had Technology with Mr. Rob and music class with Ms. Gonzalez. We celebrated Talan’s and Mick’s birthdays on Thursday and had a great time! On Thursday, we had a Bully Assembly and on Friday, we had P.E. with Coach F. What a great week!

**Volunteers This Week**

Thank you Cate, Vince’s sister, for being our mystery reader on Monday.

Thank you Sara, Ariana’s mom, and Luke, Alexa’s dad, for helping with science.

Thank you Diane, Finn’s mom, and Kimberly, Vince’s mom, for helping with math.

Thank you Kimberly for helping with Friday Folders.

**Announcements:**

1. **Homework:**
2. **Show and Tell:** This week’s letter is the Letter Ff. Please look around your house with your child and have your child bring something on **November 9th** that begins with the letter “f” such as a feather or a four ☺.
3. **Reading Journals**: These journals in the plastic bag will be returned on Monday. The next drawing and response is due on **Thursday, November 9th** (since Friday is Veteran’s Day). Please have your child choose a book to respond to in the journal. You can read the directions about how to complete this assignment pasted in the journal.
4. **Reading Log**: Read for 15-20 minutes every day. This reading log, which your child colors for each book read in the month of November and you as the parents sign, is due on **Friday, December 1st**. Please put this in your child’s purple folder the night before. Extras can be found in the section: Home/School Connection on the classroom website: mrsbtk.weebly.com.
5. **Library Book:** Bring back your library book on Wednesday, November 15th. This will be our next library time.
6. **No School on November 10th: Veteran’s Day**
7. **Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 13th-17th:** Please sign up to meet with me to discuss your child’s progress and report card: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aa8a62ea4f58-parentteacher2>
8. **School Schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences:** I have attached to the email the shortened day schedule for the week of November 13th-17th. Please make sure that you look at it!
9. **Thanksgiving Recess:** No School November 20th-24th.
10. **Community Helpers’ Enrichments:** Dr. Sara Goodman, Norah’s mom, will be teaching us about germs on November 13th. Dr. Payam Zamani, Nia’s uncle, will be teaching us about orthodontry and teeth on November 15th.
11. **Pick-Up on Wednesdays:** Please pick up your child at the auditorium on Wednesday afternoons. We have music class that will end at 2:45 pm. Thank you.
12. **Activities to Do at Home: (As well as the unit activities)**
    1. Practice sight words: I, the, a, am, red, blue, yellow, orange, green, like, to, it, is, this, here, are, my, brown, pink, purple
    2. Practice identifying uppercase and lowercase letters: a, i, m, s, t and their sounds.
    3. Word Identification: Count the number of words in a spoken sentences. Say the first line of a nursery rhyme (for example, Mary had a little lamb.) Then, using your fingers, count the words together.
    4. Beginning Sounds: Play, “I spy something that begins with (the letter sound).”
    5. Identify shapes and sizes. Build structures using blocks or old boxes. Discuss the need to build a strong base. Ask your child which shapes stack easily and why.
    6. Play “I spy”, looking for different shapes and colors. “I spy something that is round.” “I spy something that is rectangular.”
    7. Go on a “shape hunt”. Have your child look for as many circles, squares, triangles and rectangles as he or she can find in the home or outside.
    8. Have your child put objects into groups to count and compare how many are in each group (shoes, forks and spoons, etc.)
    9. Have your child help you set the table for dinner. Have him or her count the things needed for each person.
    10. Count items in the house such as pairs of socks in a drawer, bowls in a cupboard, and/or spoons in the silverware drawer.
    11. Play dice games such as Chutes and Ladders.
13. **Scholastic Reading:** November book orders are due on November 29th. If you would like to order, please go online to <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/> and enter our Class Activation Code: NTZNM.

**Birthdays Next Week:**

T.J.- November 11th

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benyaminy