

Weekly News

October 23 - 27, 2017

What we are learning:

- Introduce the Gg and Oo letters and review all the letters/sounds we've learned so far. We will also introduce our third sight word THE.
- In math, we will continue with our unit on patterns. Students are making, copying and extending patterns. They are also working on finding the core of a pattern (the part that repeats). We will continue to work on numbers to 5 throughout our daily warm ups and math workstations (printing, counting forward and backwards, comparing quantities and subitizing).
- In You and Your World, we will continue to remind students to use their WITS for problem solving. We will review the strategies taught (W - walk away, I - Ignore the person, T - talk it out, and S - Seek Help).

We've been focusing on GRATITUDE this month. This is our first character trait and it is a whole school focus. At the end of October, we will be gathering in our K-5 Teams to do some activities about gratitude (more info will come home about our "Colour" Teams at a later date).

Information Items/Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, October 24 ~ Early Dismissal @ 10:45 am (Professional Learning for Teachers). Please let us know if there are any changes to your child's usual dismissal routine.
- Thursday, October 26 ~ Hot Lunch Due
- Friday, October 27 - bring a snack that starts with Gg or Oo sound -Goldfish, graham crackers, granola bar, greek yogurt, green peppers, grapes, golden raisins, guacamole, gherkin pickles, olives, oranges, orange juice, oreos, etc. kids love sharing these food items with the class and we review other letters with snacks too ☺
Family Fun Night ~ 6:00-7:30 (See handout that was sent home for more info)
- Monday Oct 30 & Tuesday Oct 31 ~ Pumpkin Carving Contest. Teachers will compete in this contest. Students can vote for their favourite pumpkins (1 vote is .50 cents or 3 for \$1.00). All proceeds go to Unicef.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduce letter Gg	Introduce the word THE *Wear <u>G</u> reen	Introduce letter Oo	Hot Lunch Due *Wear <u>O</u> range	- Bring a snack that starts with "Gg" or "Oo"

Homework Ideas:

- Practice the new letter sounds this week - What words begin with the sound "Gg or Oo"? You can also practice printing these letters with sidewalk chalk, with colourful markers, in a plate of sugar, a white board, etc. Be creative.
- See if your child can point out the words THE, LIKE or ME in their bedtime story one night.
- Play Bug in a Rug (print the letters your child is practicing or struggling with on cue cards or post it notes and hide a sticker or picture of a happy face under one of the letters. You child must say the letter name or sound on the post it to look underneath for the sticker or smiley face. Have them hide it for you as well.
- Math: Make a pattern using anything you have at home (fruit loops, coloured toothpicks, coins, small toys, buttons, etc.). Have your child read the pattern to you and then circle the core. Begin a pattern and ask your child to extend the pattern by adding on to it. Have them make a pattern for you to extend. Most of all have fun!! We've been focusing on patterns with 2-3 elements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call us at the school, send a note in your child's message bag, or send an e-mail.

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