

October Kindergarten News 2009

September was a busy month, with many new kindergarten activities. We started attending the Science Lab and visiting the Library! Mother Goose Morning was a fun way to culminate a month of learning! Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to work at each station and cheer us on! During this month we will be working on the following skills:

Shared Reading:

- * Focus Skills: alphabet recognition, print concepts, oral language, listening comprehension
- * Letters: review - Mm, Aa; **new** - Ss, Pp
- * Sight Words: review - I, can, we; **new** - the, like, a

The books we will be reading this month will focus on several themes:

- * Friends and Families
- * Fall season
- * Christopher Columbus
- * Pumpkins and Spiders
- * Halloween



Reading Workshop: Unit 2: Reader's Read Concept Books

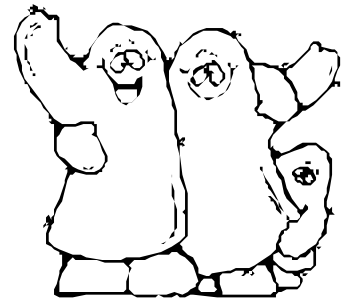
Throughout this unit the children will be reading books about various concepts (alphabet, counting, shapes, colors, etc...). During this unit the children will be learning to:

- * Notice how concept books are the same/different
- * Use the pictures to help them figure out words
- * Read and talk with a partner about their concept books
- * Expect to learn something from their concept books

Writing: Unit 2: Using Pictures and Words to Tell Stories

During this unit the children will be learning to:

- * Label important parts
- * Listen for the beginning sound of the words they write
- * Say words slowly and write the letters for each sound they hear
- * Spell the best you can
- * Use a name chart and an alphabet chart as a writing tool
- * Fix up our writing for publication and celebrate Unit 2



Math:

- * Review Skill: 3 Dimensional Shapes – sphere, cube, cylinder, rectangular prism
- * Focus Skills: Sorting and Classifying
- * Calendar skills - days, months, counting the days of school, seasons, everyday graph
- * Pumpkin math - involving the skills of estimating, counting, identifying attributes, graphing

Social Studies and Science:

- * In Science Lab we learned all about gravity. We learned that earth's gravity is what keeps you on the ground and what causes objects to fall to the ground when you drop them.
- * This month we will learn all about the sun and the moon
- * We will learn about some of the fun aspects of Halloween, and we will learn interesting spider and pumpkin facts.
- * Character Trait of the Month: Cooperation

Dates to Remember

- * October 7 - Walk to School Day
- * October 12 - Sally Foster fundraiser begins
- * October 16 - Schools closed for students (State Professional Development Day)
- * October 23 - Picture Retakes
- * October 26 - Sally Foster fundraiser ends
- * October 28 - Flu Shots
- * October 30 - 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten Halloween parade through the school



****Special Note**** Please work with your child to get into the habit of sharing backpack contents each evening. This helps us to know we are getting information to parents about your child's school day, activities, progress, etc. Encourage your child to remember to give notes, money, responses, etc. from parents to his/her teacher each morning.
Happy October to all of our Kindergarten families from the Bauder Kindergarten Team!