



# November 2011



## Mrs. Masury's Kindergarten Newsletter

Dear Parents,

*Thank you* for the tissues. We continue to enjoy them every day! *Thank you* for your Scholastic Book Orders, which have provided free books to our class. November book orders are due in class on the 9<sup>th</sup> or on-line by the 11<sup>th</sup> in an effort to receive the books before Thanksgiving. Please let me know if any orders are gifts and you can make arrangements to pick them up. And *thank you* to everyone who supported our PTO fundraiser. Our class earned an extra recess which we enjoyed on **Orange Day**. We also got to easel paint, color, glue, bead, finger paint, sing songs, play games, eat and drink **Orange**. *Thank you* for the goodies!

In science we continue exploring the season of autumn; harvesting, changes in leaves, pumpkins and gourds, types of apples, hibernation, and changes in weather. Some activities include sorting seeds, naming leaves, noticing symmetry in nature, observing seasonal changes, harvesting foods, and sequencing life cycles. *Thank you* for all the contributions to our Science Center. We are fascinated by the different colors and types of leaves. Please continue to send in anything your child would like to share about the autumn season.

Our focus in reading is on strategies and concepts about print that good readers use at any level. These strategies and concepts include the parts of a book, using word patterns, pointing to words, letter recognition and sounds, using pictures, rhyming words, and reading sight words. Students who are already reading are working on comprehension skills. We are also beginning a genre study on Nursery Rhymes. Please practice reading and writing our sight words at home: **I, a, the, on, no, yes, by, my**. You can access more readiness and comprehension activities at [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com). It's free!

In math your child is working on deepening their understanding of numbers. These activities include recognizing various numerals 0-20, counting from memory 1-30, counting groups of objects 1-25, showing how many, solving how many more, and counting by 1's and 10's from any given number. We are also working on recognizing colors and shapes, reading color words, using tally marks, writing numerals 0-9, recognizing domino patterns, creating and extending patterns, and using a variety of attributes to describe things as same or different. In addition to our *monthly homework* there are quick activities on our *monthly calendar* which your child can do at home to support their learning in both reading and math. **Please plan to attend EES Math Night on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm to learn about our new Math in Focus program and get your password to Think Central.**

Storytelling is our focus in writing. We are learning to include events that happen at the beginning, middle, and end of our story. Next we will be learning how to sketch our stories and include important details for our readers.

Soon your child will be bringing home an invitation to our **Fall Festival**. It will be held on **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30-10:45am** for the morning class and **1:30-2:45pm** for the afternoon class. This festival is a celebration of all our hard work and a reflection of the community we have formed in our classroom. It will consist of Reader's Theater, literacy and math autumn games, autumn crafts, autumn stories, autumn songs, and displays from our autumn study. *We hope all our families can attend!*

November is another busy month! I look forward to meeting with each of you at **Parent Conferences**, which will be held **November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. Notices will go home in your child's folder by November 1<sup>st</sup> confirming your day and time. Please arrive promptly and call if you are unable to attend, 679-8018. Veterans are invited to lunch in our cafeteria November 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Our **Veteran's Day assembly** will be held in the morning on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. It is an **Eagle Day**. *Wear your eagle shirt!* Our morning class will also attend a **TIGER assembly** about bullying at 9:00am on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great assembly for the afternoon students to attend with an adult. There is **NO school** on the following days in November: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, and Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you for all your support,*  
Mrs. Masury