



## Kindergarten Newsletter September 25, 2009



### Literacy:

Thank you to the many families that attended our Zoo Phonics night! We hope that you understand what Zoo Phonics is and can now help reinforce reading and writing at home!

Summer is over and autumn has officially arrived! This week we learned about the season of fall by completing a TLC project. We had to use our listening skills and follow step by step directions. We also completed a leaf poem and made little books that taught us about autumn, the colors we see during this season, and our new sight words, "see" and "we." We read other stories to enrich our unit such as Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf, One Fall Day, I See Leaves, and Autumns First Leaf. Coordinating projects can be found in the Friday folder or displayed in the hallway.

Next week we will be learning about the different types of apples and have several special projects prepared to help us remember!

Book reports are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Your child needs your help on completing this goal. Please read four stories, write down the titles along with your signature and send it to school with him or her. If your child meets this monthly goal they will earn a monthly reward for a job well done!

### Treasure Book:

Our Treasure book this week was We're Going On A Leaf Hunt by Ellen Stoll Walsh. In this exciting book, three children decide to go on a leaf hunt. While they are on their journey to find colorful leaves they come across many obstacles that they have to overcome. "We're coming to a mountain-A tall, TALL mountain. We can't go under it. We have to go over it!" After finding beautiful Maple, Birch, Hickory, and Red Oak leaves they hear a sound coming from the bushes. "It's a...a...skunk!" The children have to go back across the lake, past the waterfall, through the forest, over the mountain to arrive safely back home! Although they had to solve several problems that day they found lots of colorful leaves and decided it was a wonderful day!

We were able to go on a leaf hunt and found several different types of leaves. We learned how to graph leaves by their colors and also completed a leaf rubbing

activity. It was a great opportunity to see the beautiful and different types of leaves and colors our trees lose during the autumn season.

The treasure for this week is a "foam leaf."

Next week's treasure book is called Johnny Appleseed. We will learn all about Johnny Appleseed and why he is so special.

### **Math:**

This week in math, we explored the shapes oval, circle, rectangle, square, triangle, and rhombus. Singing shape songs, playing shape activities, and completing shape books were a few ways we learned about each shape and how they are different from one another. We also used our environment and looked for shapes that are all around us.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Next week we will continue our fall unit by learning about the different types of apples. We would like each child to bring in an apple on Monday, September 28th for a math project we will be completing. Also, we are looking for apple pie donations. If you are willing to donate an apple pie please have it to school by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If possible, list what type of apples were used and the pie will be marked as your child's snack donation. Thank you!

### **Important dates to remember:**

Sept 30~Last day to turn in book reports

Oct. 1~Picture Re-takes

Oct. 6~ PTO Meeting 7:00pm

Oct. 8~Open House from 6-8:00

Oct. 10 & 11~Craft Fair

Oct. 12~No School

Oct. 20~Report cards

Oct. 22 & 23~ No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

*Have a great weekend!*

*Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster*