

# Kindergarten Newsletter

## October 9

### Reading:

We have had a busy week learning about scarecrows. We have learned to spell and write the words *in*, *and*, & *can* through little books and flashcards. Please keep practicing these and other sight words at home. It is important the students know these. We have already introduced and learned 26 new words! By the end of the year, it will be at least 50!

Next week, we will begin our bat unit. We will learn position words such as *above*, *below* and *in*. We will learn to use a Venn Diagram to compare bats to birds and re-tell our treasure book with stick puppets.

### Treasure Book:

What a blast we had this week reading our treasure book, The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams. We read along with the repetitious pattern of the story. The little old woman is walking in the woods, gathering herbs and nuts when she hears some strange noises behind her.

What she ends up hearing are:

“Two shoes go CLOMP, CLOMP,  
One pair of pants go WIGGLE, WIGGLE,  
One Shirt go SHAKE, SHAKE,  
Two gloves go CLAP, CLAP,  
One had go NOD, NOD,  
One scary pumpkin head go BOO,BOO!”

She whispered in the ear of the pumpkin head and sent all of the pieces to the garden to make a scarecrow. The treasure this week is all of the pieces of the scarecrow. Ask your child to retell the story to you.

Next week we will be studying bats, so our treasure book is an all-time favorite bat story-Stellaluna.

Stellaluna is the story of a baby bat that fell into a bird's nest and is raised by mother bird as a bird instead of the bat that she really is. A happy ending reunites Stellaluna with her mother.

### **Math:**

This week, we reviewed pattern block shapes and followed a template to make a scarecrow. We played a new game, Monster Squeeze, reviewed the tricky teens and put our numbers in order. Remember that math is all around us, so please try to work with your child even by just simply asking them to identify a number. Please look in the Friday Folder from now on for tips on making math easy and fun everyday!

### **Field Trip:**

We are going to the pumpkin patch!! On October 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be going to take a field trip to the pumpkin patch in East Dubuque. Please look for the additional information in the Friday folder this week. Remember, to dress warmly!

### **Halloween:**

This year, we will be going to visit the Nursing Home in Elizabeth on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a bus in the morning to sing songs and show the residents our costumes, so please have your child wear his or her costume to school. That afternoon, as always, we will participate in the middle school parade in the small gym. More details to follow.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- ~Thanks to the Tracey Family for donating pumpkins to our classrooms!
- ~It was nice to see so many of you at Open House!
- ~If you didn't get a chance to sign up for a conference, please let me know and we can arrange a time for you.
- ~Thanks to Wal-Mart for the great story!
- ~The Elizabeth and Hanover Fire departments were here to give lessons on fire safety on Wednesday.

### **Important dates to Remember:**

- 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, Ms. Redfearn & Mrs. Wurster*