



October 6, 2009

Dear Parents,

READING:

We will be wrapping up Unit 1 in Reading next week. So we will be reviewing all short vowels, initial and final blends, reading comprehension as well as all the grammar skills taught for this unit. Then they will be taking the Unit 1 Benchmark test to assess how well they have mastered these skills. Please continue to read at least 15 minutes with your child each night.

MATH:

We have finished Chapter 1 in Math and have begun Chapter 2 which readies them for Addition and Subtraction to 12. They will be exploring all the different ways to combine numbers for the sums of 1-12. For example $2 = (1+1, 0+2, 2+0)$. You can reinforce this concept at home by building all the ways using 2 different objects for all numbers up to 12. Try elbow macaroni and pennies or something even more creative. It really helps them build a concrete idea of the concept of addition before we transfer it all too numeric symbols. Check out the www.mathsurf.com web site. It goes with our Math book series.

SCIENCE:

We are studying a Unit on Plants and Animals. So far we have begun the plant portion. At the end of this week ask you child what a “Botanist” is. They should be able to tell you. ☺

BOOK ORDERS:

Attached you will find the October Scholastic Book order. If you would like to order from it please send in your order by **Friday October 16th**. **You can also order online if you would like. Go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs** See attached letter.

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Here is a rundown of happenings for the last week of October.

We will be doing a few Language Arts and Math activities with the Halloween theme during that week.

Mini Halloween Party: I was planning on passing out a small treat of cookies and apple juice to the students in the afternoon on Friday Oct. 30th. If anyone is interested in donating some simple sugar cookies or apple juice please let me know. I really am not looking to make this a big snack treat as many children will be getting more then their share of goodies when they go trick or treating!

Cordially Yours,

Mrs. Turner