

November, 2010



PINNACLE CHARTER SCHOOL

Kindergarten News

November News



It is the last month of the 1st trimester and time is flying by! We have been busy learning many new and exciting things!

In Communication we have been learning about the letters Aa, Cc, Mm, Pp, Rr, Ss, and Tt. We have also learned these sight words: I, like, my, the, a, and, & be. We have been building our phonemic awareness skills by blending and deleting syllables in words and listening for the initial sound in words. We have also been working on identifying words that rhyme and starting to blend sounds together in the -at word family, (ex. cat,

mat, sat). In November, we will be learning the letters Nn and Dd and the sight words we, go, play, and down. We will also start blending other words with short a, using the -ap word family, (ex. map, sap, tap)

In Social Studies, we finished our study of how we are alike and different from each other. We also demonstrated citizenship by learning about voting and Election Day.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we will study Native Americans, the different houses they lived in, and how they relied on nature to survive.

In Science, we had a great time making our own pumpkin faces and learning how pumpkins grow. We also learned how to keep our bodies healthy and got to try one of our favorite healthy foods after a week of voting. In November, we will learn how a day and night sky are different.

In Math, we have learned how to count forward to 40, count backward from 10-0, read numbers 0-20, "teen" numbers, estimation, recognizing coins, patterns, symmetry, and number stories.

In November, we will practice writing numbers 0-10, use different types of measurement, and be introduced to the concept of probability.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conference will be held on Friday, December 10th from 8—3:30 this year. Please sign up for a time outside your child's classroom, send in a note

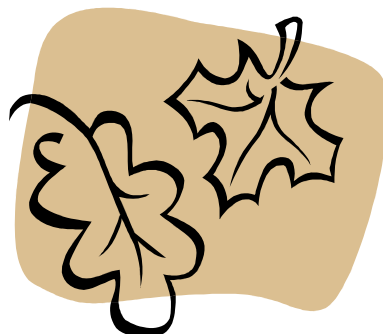
with a time that is best for you, or call your child's teacher to schedule a conference. It is very important that you attend this conference to learn about your

child's progress and to ask any questions you may have regarding your child's education.

Mrs. Haven: 570-6167

Mrs. Raybeck: 570-6165

Mrs. Turner: 923-5586



Special points of interest:

- NO SCHOOL on Veteran's Day, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Holiday is November 25th -26th
- Last day of 1st Trimester is December 8th

Workshop for Parents of K, K-1, and 1st Graders:

Helping your Child Learn to Read

Wednesday, November 18th

4:30-5:15

Pinnacle Library

Childcare Provided - Refreshments - Raffle Drawing

Assessments

First Trimester assessments will be administered to your child beginning the week of November 22nd. These assessments will be given orally on an individual basis. Each child will be assessed in the areas of Communication and Math. These assessments will be reviewed at your child's conference. Report cards will not be furnished this trimester. However, your child will receive a 2nd and 3rd trimester report card.



Please continue to work with your child on any skills your child is struggling with in Communication and Math. Commu-

nication assessments have already been sent home and will continue to be sent home at the end of each theme. Please look for your child's first math assessment to be sent home in the next two weeks.

Reminders

- ◆ Please remember to send your child to school with their blue folder everyday.
- ◆ Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child everyday.
- ◆ Don't forget that your child may not wear a white shirt as part of their school uniform, only yellow and blue shirts are allowed.
- ◆ Please practice shoe tying with your child, we are working on fostering independence with your children and shoe tying is a part of this independence.
- ◆ If you have any questions, concerns or information you need to let your child's teacher know about, please send in a note or call.
- ◆ We will still be going outside for choice time (weather permitting). Please remember to send your child to school with a warm jacket, gloves/mittens, hat/hood, and a scarf so that they may play outside with us and stay warm.

How to Help Your Child at Home in Math

Introduction to Money

Working with coins is an important part of our mathematics program. To build children's familiarity with money, let your child borrow the coins from your purse or pocket and sort them by attributes—color, size, markings, and so on. Also let your child help you pay for items at the store. (Children love to receive change!) Do not be concerned with coin values at this time. Children will learn more about coin values and exchanges later in Kindergarten and in first grade.