



Kindergarten Korner

November 20, 2009

Topic in Focus

Major Thematic Unix

Letters in Focus

Connections With Our Environment

Patterns

Letter Review

KLP Books, The Old Woman Who Named Things, by Cynthia Rylant, Owl at Home, by Arnold Lobel

Poetry: "Colors," "Being Thankful," and "The Turkey"



Other Books We've Read: Selected titles from our rhyming book stack



Projects and Activities

- Dot patterns
- Pattern block patterns
- Geoboard patterns
- Writing Workshop
- M & M Math share: Weather
- Letter review packets
- Field trip
- "No Numbers Math: writing prompt"

I want to thank the following parents for chaperoning the field trip: Mrs. Barhaugh, Mrs. Power, Mrs. Kreamer, Mrs. Raymundo, Mrs. Mease, Mrs. Sokol, Mrs. Marren, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Dudek, and Mrs. Dote

This week's newsletter features photos of playtime, fun with maps, and pattern activities! We also opened our sand table and have pictures of that for you to enjoy! Above, you see someone wearing a beautiful poppy in her hair for Veteran's Day!

??Questions to Ask Your Child??

- Which pattern station did you like the best?
- What are you working on in Writing Workshop?
- What rhyming books did you read from your book stack?
- Why did the old woman name things?
- Who kept visiting her house?
- What were the strange bumps in Owl's house?
- How do you make tear water tea?
- How could Owl be upstairs and downstairs at the same time?
- What did you do on your field trip?
- Where did most people get their weather information?



Happy November birthdays to Rachel, Dawson., and Kennedy!





Special Events or Visitors

Dawson and Morgan P. were the Top Bananas!
We enjoyed the DuPage Children's Museum field trip on Thursday!



Important Dates to Remember



Wednesday, November 25: No School, Teacher Institute

Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27: No School, Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, December 1: Family Games Night at 6:30



Jumping Ahead



In the near future, we will begin a Social Science unit on the concept of "wants and needs." We will explore missing parts of patterns. We'll also complete our letter review packets, which will then lead into more phonemic awareness activities and sight word vocabulary development. **Due to the shortened week next week, THERE WILL BE NO MATH HOMEWORK OR NEWSLETTER.** The next Kindergarten Korner will go home on Friday, December 4.



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Color Days	Blue 11/23 12/3	Red 11/24 12/4	Orange 11/30	Yellow 12/1	Green 12/2
AM	Music	Gym	Library	Learning Stations	Art
PM	Library	Music	Gym	Learning Stations	Art

