

# Mrs. Kirk's Classroom News



Extra, Extra,  
Read all About it! 10-14-11 Language Arts

## Fall has finally arrived!

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered at Klackles. It was a great day! The children enjoyed the warm weather, picking their own apples and pumpkin and of course the yummy doughnuts!

## Homework and Parent Communication Notebook

- Please return your child's homework notebook everyday if possible. (Even if your child did not get the assignment done). I send home books at your child's reading level in their book bags M, T, W, TH.
- Reminder: Friday Folders need to be returned on Monday after they are emptied out.

\*Our **Star Student** next week will be **Matthew Brinker**. Thank you **Mia Kirchgessner** for being such great star student enjoyed learning about you!

Star Words  
All 30!!!

## Writing Focus

- Writing sentences with details and describing words (minus punctuation at this time)
- Correct letter formation through handwriting.
- Appropriate spacing between words
- Stretching words and listening for ALL the sounds.

## Reading Focus

- This week we read in our guided reading groups. Each group has a different skill focus.
- In our Morning message we focused on blends (pl, cl, st, fr, sp, wr etc...) We also continued to work on word families, high frequency words
- Retellings: To reinforce word choice and sequencing of events.

## Phonics Focus

blends,  
word families,  
short vowel

## Math Focus

- \* Addition and subtraction facts (with manipulatives)
- \* Odd and even numbers \* counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- \* Number writing \* 100's charts



## Workboard

- Blend and digraph sorts (ch, sh, th, wh)
- Blend books (sl, gr, tr, sn) and games
- Apple mobile
- Leave poems (they collected leaves. ☺)
- Star word writing with push pins and star word trace, stamp and write
- Math graph and number line
- Shape sort and math graph



## Science and Social studies

### **Social studies:**

Families and Communities

### **Science focus:**

Sorting objects by their attributes and 4 seasons



## News for You!

- **Halloween party:** The Halloween party will take place on Monday, Oct. 31<sup>th</sup> from 2:20-3:25. We will begin with a parade and end with a party in our classroom. Costumes should be playful, rather than scary. All are welcome to attend! ☺
- **Conferences:** November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>. Conferences forms were sent home on Wednesday. Please send back your child's form ASAP!
- **No SCHOOL November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.**



Fondly,  
Mrs. Kirk