

Happy Saturday Parents!

I apologize for not sending the newsletter out yesterday. Conference craziness got the best of me!

What a week! We kicked it off with an awesome nature walk in the neighborhood to go on a leaf scavenger hunt. After a little bit of inspiration from one of the characters in a book this week, the class wanted to try and make their own leaf books. We found such a variety of leaves and were able to successfully identify four of them! Are there any interesting trees and leaves in your neighborhood? Take a walk with your child and find out!

The next day, we started talking about how many similarities we actually have with leaves. We learned that leaves have teeth, veins, and even lobes! Did you see our awesome leaf rubbing collages in the hallway? The class used their own leaves first to rub the patterns onto a piece of white paper. They started overlapping them and then decided to trade amongst each other! This was a great activity to strengthen their fine motor skills, gain physical knowledge of the complexities and similarities between ourselves and leaves, identifying and differentiating various types of leaves, using their creativity, and so much more!

With the start of the savings accounts, it has turned into an amazing and different math lesson each week. If a penny is worth one cent and a nickel is worth five, how many pennies do we need to make a nickel? What about a dime? How many quarters equal a dollar? If you have \$2.33 leftover, how much more can you bring next week to deposit the maximum \$10.00? Our little savers are thrilled and excited to be taking in part in this and they are starting to slowly fill out their own deposit slips! If you haven't opened an account yet, please consider doing so and that way everybody gets involved a bit more.

Who doesn't love a good ol' fashioned scavenger hunt? For Thursday's morning challenge, I asked the class to walk around and see how many things in our classroom begin with the letter "T". This is a super fun and easy activity to do at home to help your child with letter recognition, phonemic awareness, recognizing letter sounds, building their vocabulary, writing their letters, becoming more comfortable holding their pencils using their index and middle fingers, and thumb, etc. A few we came up with were tree, Tatum, Thano, table, tutu, toys, truck, trains, tracks, and tuba! I'm not quite sure where we have a tuba in the room, but I'll take it!

Reminders:

- Book orders were sent home. Please make sure to place your holiday orders by next Friday:)
- NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!
- Please send your child with a winter change of clothes to school after break. Socks, pants, sweaters, etc. Also, please make sure your child has a pair of gym shoes to wear

at school everyday, not just on gym days. Feel free to leave an extra pair here they can change into from their boots.

- DON'T FORGET TO READ A BOOK EVERYDAY WITH YOUR CHILD!  
<https://edsource.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045>
- Pajama drive! Each pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic will donate a book to benefit children in shelters. Tis the season for giving.
- Our class will also be having a mini grab-bag after break. I will send you a separate email with all the details!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your fabulous child(ren) and family. See you all on the 27th!

-Ms. Anna