

October 3, 2011

# News from the A&W room!

## THEMES

Fall

### READING

**Kinders**—They continue to learn a new letter each week, as well as a nursery rhyme and word wall words. We are learning to print each new capital letter using lines and curves.

**First**—We are making good progress each week adding new word families and sight words. Each first grader is engaged in reading AR books at their own level. First graders are expanding their vocabulary with daily vocabulary exercises and will begin working on their core spelling words.

*Reading aloud is a great benefit for kids of all ages and abilities so we would like to encourage families to read together each day for at least 10 min.*

Coming soon—each child's picture will be posted on the bulletin board in the office showing them reading.



For the month of October our themes include fall changes, fire safety, pumpkins, bats and other nocturnal animals and Halloween.

Kinders will visit the fire station on Friday, Oct. 14th at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to go with us please let us know. You may have to meet us at the station. We will let you know of the final plan.

### COMMUNITY DAY

Last year the K-1 rooms began a new weekly adventure we called Community Day. The purpose of the day was to develop a sense of community among all of the K-1 students and spend time working on a project based curriculum idea. After an overwhelming positive response from both the students and parents, we (the A&W room and Mrs. Eastlick's 1/2 room) are continuing it this year. The students are divided into groups and rotate through stations relating to the theme of the day. Reading and math are incorporated into the day through the activities. If you have a suggestion for Community Day or an expertise to share please let us know.



### MATH

**Kinders**— Ask your child about Volume. They experimented with many different containers to see the volume each held. They are practicing writing and reading numbers 0 -10. As you watch your child write numbers or letters remind them that they always begin at the top. Also remind them of the perfect pinch for holding their pencil or crayon. Kinders are also sorting coins, comparing heights and making patterns.

**First**—What are complements of 10? Ask your child if they can give you some combinations. First graders are working with number grids and will be introduced to telling time, coins and number stories. Thanks for returning home links. You have been awesome with it.

### OTHER TIDBITS

\*\*Reminder—Field Trip to Peck's Market-West on Wed. Oct. 5th. We are still missing some permission slips and money.

**Book Orders**—We have included a Scholastic book order form in the binder. If you wish to order any books please return the form and a check made payable to Scholastic, by Oct. 7th. NO Cash is accepted by the company. The books will be ordered and will arrive in approx. 2 wks.

Mrs. Alt, Mrs. Wilkinson and Ms. Norland