November 9, 2017

Dear TK Parents,

I would like to introduce a new student to our class: Grey Miller. You can find her contact details in our Shutterfly roster.

This week we finished our unit on Community and Health.

In literacy, we reviewed the letters Mm, Aa, Ss, Tt, Ii, Nn and began letter Ff activities. We learned many words that begin with the letter “f” and practiced writing the correct letter formation for both the uppercase and lowercase letter. We shared our toys from home that begin with the letter “f”. We learned the sight words: white, black, see, can. We practiced identifying the ending sounds of words. We learned how to compare books using a Venn Diagram and how to answer “wh” questions using evidence from the book.

In math, we practiced identifying numbers 1-6 and showing that amount with objects. We also worked on subitizing (to see a group of objects and know that it is a certain amount without counting). Zero the Hero came on the 60th day of school and gave us a fall turkey with 6 feathers. We needed to put 10 stickers on each feather to make 60 stickers in all.

For social studies, we learned about Veteran’s Day and why we do not have school on Friday. We made our own soldier’s craft.

In social skills, we learned that it is not okay to be mean to people or to boss others around. We learned about negotiating and also how to tell others to “stop bossing me”. We also continued to learn expected and unexpected behavior with Mr. Rowell.

We had 4th grade reading buddies on Tuesday. We had social skills with Mr. Rowell and technology on Wednesday. We had P.E. with Coach F. and we celebrated T.J.’s and Shalev’s birthdays on Thursday and had a great time! What an excellent week!

**Volunteers This Week**

Thank you Guy, Emily’s dad, for being our mystery reader on Monday.

Thank you Diane, Finn’s mom, and Kimberly, Vince’s mom, for helping with math.

Thank you Kimberly for helping with folders on Thursday.

**Announcements:**

1. **Homework:**
2. **Show and Tell:** This week’s letter is the Letter Oo. Please look around your house with your child and have your child bring something on **November 16th** that begins with the letter “o” such as an olive or an octopus ☺.
3. **Reading Journals**: These journals in the plastic bag will be returned on Monday. The next drawing and response is due on **Friday, November 17th**. Please have your child choose a book to respond to in the journal.
4. **Reading Log**: Read for 15-20 minutes every day. This reading log, which your child colors for each book read in the month of November and you as the parents sign, is due on **Friday, December 1st**. Please put this in your child’s purple folder the night before. Extras can be found in the section: Home/School Connection on the classroom website: mrsbtk.weebly.com.
5. **Library Book:** Bring back your library book on Wednesday, November 15th. This will be our next library time.
6. **Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 13th-17th:** Please sign up to meet with me to discuss your child’s progress and report card: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aa8a62ea4f58-parentteacher2>
7. **School Schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences:** I have attached to the email the shortened day schedule for the week of November 13th-17th. Please make sure that you look at it!
8. **Thanksgiving Recess:** No School November 20th-24th.
9. **Community Helpers’ Enrichments:** Dr. Sara Goodman, Norah’s mom, will be teaching us about germs on November 13th. Dr. Payam Zamani, Nia’s uncle, will be teaching us about orthodontics and teeth on November 15th.
10. **Activities to Do at Home: (As well as Unit 4 activities)**
    1. Practice sight words: red, blue, yellow, orange, green, brown, pink, purple, white, black, I, the, a, am, like, to, it, is, this, here, are, my, can, see
    2. Practice identifying uppercase and lowercase letters and sounds: a, f, i, m, n, s, t.
    3. Word Identification: Count the number of words in a spoken sentences. Say the first line of a nursery rhyme (for example, Mary had a little lamb.) Then, using your fingers, count the words together.
    4. Beginning Sounds: Play, “I spy something that begins with (the letter sound).”
    5. Identify shapes and sizes. Build structures using blocks or old boxes. Discuss the need to build a strong base. Ask your child which shapes stack easily and why.
    6. Play “I spy”, looking for different shapes and colors. “I spy something that is round.” “I spy something that is rectangular.”
    7. Go on a “shape hunt”. Have your child look for as many circles, squares, triangles and rectangles as he or she can find in the home or outside.
    8. Have your child put objects into groups to count and compare how many are in each group (shoes, forks and spoons, etc.)
    9. Have your child help you set the table for dinner. Have him or her count the things needed for each person.
    10. Count items in the house such as pairs of socks in a drawer, bowls in a cupboard, and/or spoons in the silverware drawer.
    11. Play dice games such as Chutes and Ladders.
11. **Scholastic Reading:** November book orders are due on November 29th. If you would like to order, please go online to <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/> and enter our Class Activation Code: NTZNM.

**Birthdays Next Week:**

Shalev- November 13th

Ronan- November 16th

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benyaminy