October 20, 2017

Dear TK Parents,

This week we continued learning about Communities and Health.

In literacy, we reviewed the letters Mm, Aa, and Ss and began letter Tt activities. We learned many words that begin with the letter “t” 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 “t”. We blended sounds to make words. We learned how to read a map of a community. Because Halloween is coming up and spiders remind us of Halloween, we learned the nursery rhyme, “Itsy Bitsy Spider”. We learned the sight words: here, are, my and used these words to read our own emergent reader.

In math, we worked on sorting various items. We learned that you can sort four ways: color, size, shape, and by use. We sorted kitchen food, buttons, and beginning sounds.

For our science experiment of the week, we picked out the seeds from a small, a medium, and a large pumpkin. We will count the number of seeds in each pumpkin on Monday to discover which has the most seeds.

In our social skills lessons for the week, we learned cooperation and participation. We discussed how when everyone is following the rules and working together, we are able to do so many things and everything works well.

We had 4th grade buddies on Tuesday in which we began our Halloween stories. On Wednesday, we had Technology with Mr. Rob in which we finished constructing and presented our K’nex bridges. We had music class with Ms. Gonzalez. We celebrated Ariana’s birthday on Thursday and had a great time! On Thursday and Friday, we had P.E. with Coach F. On Friday, we had Apple Fitness. What a terrific week!

**Volunteers This Week**

Thank you to Parsa, Nia’s brother, for being our mystery reader on Monday.

Thank you to Sara, Norah’s mom, and Jesse, Amelia’s dad, for helping with science.

Thank you to Parinaz, Nia’s mom, and Diane, Finn’s mom, for helping with math.

Thank you to Luke, Alexa’s dad, for helping with technology.

Thank you to Megan, Alexa’s mom, for decorating the bulletin board.

Thank you Kimberly and Stacey for helping with folders and math.

**Announcements:**

1. **Homework:**
2. **Show and Tell:** This week’s letter is the Letter Ii. Please look around your house with your child and have your child bring something on October 26th that begins with the letter “i” such as an igloo or an ice cream ☺.
3. **Reading Journals**: These journals in the plastic bag will be returned on Monday. The next drawing and response is due on Friday, October 27th. Please have your child choose a book to respond to in the journal. You can read the directions about how to complete this assignment pasted 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 October and you as the parents sign, is due on Wednesday, November 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 1st. This will be our next library time.
6. **Pick-Up on Wednesdays:** Please pick up your child at the auditorium on Wednesday afternoons. We have music class that will end at 2:45 pm. Thank you.
7. **Halloween Senses Activity:** October 27th from 2-2:45 pm. Please make sure you have a TB test and sign in at the office. The TB test takes at least 2 days to get the results.
8. **Activities to Do at Home:**
	1. Practice sight words: I, the, a, am, red, blue, yellow, orange, green, like, to, it, is, this, here, are, my
	2. Practice identifying uppercase and lowercase letters: a, m, s, t and their sounds.
	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’m going on a camping trip…” Start the game by saying, “I’m going on a camping trip and I’m going to bring a dog and a dandelion. What are you going to bring?” The child should think of something that also starts with the /d/ sound. Remember, this game is all about sounds, not letters. For example, if the sound you chose is “sss” and the child says, “circus,” that would be an appropriate answer.
	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.
9. **Scholastic Reading:** The September books were delivered this week. October book orders are due on October 30th. If you would like to order, please go online to <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/> and enter our Class Activation Code: NTZNM.

**Birthdays Next Week:**

Eva – October 23rd

Ariana – October 23rd

Mick – October 28th

Talan – October 28th

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benyaminy