



Mrs. Dempski's Newsletter

A Sneak Peek at the Coming Weeks
 Dates: 10/30 – 11/17 (Fall/Farm)



Here are the skills we will be highlighting in class:

Language Arts: Fall and farm vocabulary, leaf/scarecrow/farm letter bingo, matching uppercase to lowercase (scarecrows/pumpkins, mom pig/baby pig), animal/barn positional concepts (in/out, behind/in front, etc.)

Mathematics: Sort leaves by attributes (size, color, shape), leaf hunt (find the correct number of leaves), counting leaves onto a tree, pattern with leaves/scarecrows/farm animals, counting down (10-0), count buttons onto a scarecrow, leaf/scarecrow more and less, count animals onto a barn, graph favorite farm animal

Science: Go on a nature hunt and collect materials to make a "leaf man", talk about the life cycle of a tree and what happens to it during the seasons, explore pumpkin buoyancy with sink/float

Social Studies: Talk about animals that live on the farm and animals that do not live on the farm (habitats), talk about what farm animals help to give us and how things get from the farm to our house

Physical Development and Health: Pull corn kernels off of the cob, cut shapes to assemble a scarecrow, lace animals

The Arts: Marble paint with acorns and gourds, leaf rubbings, draw a picture of their favorite farm animal

Social/Emotional Development: Work together to create a farm in the dramatic play center and use the materials purposefully, talk about things that the students are thankful for

Featured Songs and Stories:

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert, We're Going On A Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger, The Leaves Are Falling by Steve Metzger, There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves by Lucille Colandro, The Leaves on the Trees by Thom Wiley, "Red Leaf, Red Leaf...", "10 Little Leaves", A is for Autumn by Robert Maass, Nuts To You by Lois Ehlert, "I'm a Nut" & "Furry Squirrel", The Lonely Scarecrow by Tim Preston, The Scarecrow's Hat by Ken Brown, Scaredycrow by Christopher Hernandez, "I'm A Little Scarecrow", "5 Little Scarecrows", Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, Farmyard Jamboree by Margaret Read MacDonald, Driving My Tractor by Jan Dobbins, Old McDonald Had A Farm by Jane Cabrera

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, Nov. 7th – BOE Mtg. @ 7:00
- Wednesday, Nov. 15th – Parent Teacher Conferences (by appointment only)
- Thursday, Nov. 16th – Parent Teacher Conferences (by appointment only)
- Friday, Nov. 17th – Early Release schedule
- Monday, Nov. 20th – Friday, Nov. 24th – No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- Monday, Nov. 27th – School resumes
- Tuesday, Nov. 28th – BOE Mtg. @ 7:00

Important Information:

We look forward to exploring leaves and the farm as fall is upon us. Please keep an eye out for your conference notice that is being sent home next week, and let me know ASAP if there are any conflicts. Availability is limited at this time, so I appreciate your understanding in advance! I look forward to meeting with you and sharing your child's progress so far this year! Please make sure to fill out the sheet regarding any questions or concerns and send that back in advance so that I have a chance to gather any resources if needed. Thanks!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10/30-11/3		Halloween Celebration (staff and students only)	Music Class with Ms. Emsun	Library	Friendship Group w/ Mrs. Davis's class
11/6-11/10			Music Class with Ms. Emsun	Library	Friendship Group w/ Mrs. Davis's class
11/13-11/17			Music Class with Ms. Emsun Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment	Library Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment	Friendship Group w/ Mrs. Davis's class