

November Newsletter from Mrs. Madaus' class

For the month of November we will be working on a variety of concepts. For the first week of November the students will be finishing with "Our Five Senses" theme. We will continue to investigate our world and use our senses to become better observers. The first week of this theme focused mostly on taste and touch. For the next two weeks there will be activities that incorporate smell, sight, and hearing. Since our five senses are used continually throughout the day, encourage your child to be an observer at home. Have them describe what their bodies and senses are telling them. For example, when you are engaged in an activity or normal routines you could pick one of the senses to ask them about (How does your milk feel, cold or warm? Is that the sound of the wind or the rain outside?). Or you could leave the question open: "Tell me 5 things that you see in the room."

After the five senses theme we will transition into "The 4 Seasons" theme, which will incorporate different types of weather, clothing, and seasonal activities. We will continue to build on content and themed vocabulary, oral language, and sharing prior knowledge.

In English Language Arts the students have already met 4 Alphafriends that have introduced them to, or reinforced their knowledge of the letters (S, P, T, and O). We will meet Mr. X-Ray next. During the "Four Seasons" theme we will work on letter Uu: Umbie Umbrella; letter Yy: Yetta Yo-yo; and then Willy Worm for letter W. Help your child be on the lookout for these letters.

Dates to remember:

November 8:	Picture Day
November 11:	Veteran's Day observed (NO SCHOOL)
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

Wish list: Ziplock style baggies (sandwich or gallon sized)

There will be more information to follow regarding parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for all that you do for our students and classroom. Mrs. Madaus and Miss Jillienne