



## News and Notes

Mrs. Long's Kindergarten Classroom

Week of: October 27, 2014



### Here's what we are working on!

**Reading:** This week we will be reading some pumpkin stories along with our regular curriculum! Next week we will begin the "Family Ties" theme.

Letters/Sounds: Gg, Ff

HFW (High Frequency Words, Sight Words): is, on, to

Word Families: review -at, -am, -ap

Theme: Silly Business/Family Ties

**Stories:** The Crayon Box That Talked, The Terrible Tragadabas, Off We Go!, A Birthday Basket for Tia, Let's go Froggy, and many pumpkin stories!

**Writing:** We will spend both weeks strengthening our Writer's Workshop routines. We will learn how to use an ABC chart to help us when sounding out words. We will also get our writing partners! We will practice reading our piece to them, while they ask questions to strengthen our writing.

**Math:** We will begin learning about patterns and observing patterns in the real world! We will do measurement using our pumpkins, including putting them in order by size and measuring their height.

**Science:** Magnets – We will explore magnets and learn about how and why they work.

We will also be doing some pumpkin science!

**Social Studies:** Maps – We will learn about different types of maps, the purpose of maps, and how to read maps and map keys.

**Health:** We will learn about taking care of your teeth.

### Important Dates:

- Thursday, October 30 – Pumpkin Walk 5:30-7:00pm
- Friday, November 7 – Pajama Day
- Tuesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day: NO SCHOOL

Thank you all for attending your child's Parent/Teacher Conference. It was so nice to meet with you and discuss your child's amazing progress so far this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!

### Other Reminders

Please put names on jackets!

If your child is missing something and it's not in the classroom, check the lost and found in the front office. It fills up fast during jacket season.



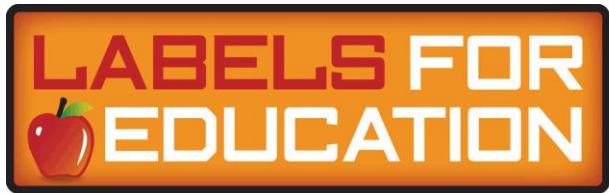
Continue practicing sight words at home! A list of Kindergarten words can be found in your child's binder. Thank you!

## Here's what we have been doing...

The past two weeks have flown by! In math, we've begun measurement, by measuring object in the room. We've learned the importance of lining up object correctly when measuring to have an accurate measure.

We also used our names on cube towers to measure names that are longer and shorter than our own. In reading we've begun blending (sounding out) words. Students have been amazed at their progress. We did a check-in to see what students felt they had learned the most this year, and many students said letter sounds or reading words! In Science, we worked with magnets. We learned the words "attract" and "repel".

Students enjoyed holding the magnets as they snapped together and pushed away from each other.

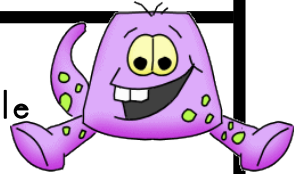


Keep sending in those Box  
Tops!

Esperanza also takes Labels  
for Education from Campbell's  
Soup cans.



## Specials Schedule



Monday - Computer Lab with Mrs. Long

Tuesday - Library with Mr. Kloss-Fillinger ("Mr. K"), Long Term Sub for Mrs. Davies (return library books)

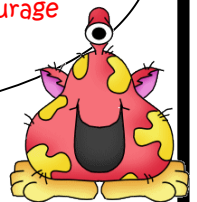
Wednesday - Music with Dr. van Oostrom, ("Dr. V")

Thursday - Art with Ms. Murphrey

Friday - P.E. with Mr. Moser (wear tennis shoes)



If you ever have questions or concerns, please contact me right away. Parent/Teacher communication is the key to your child's success. We are both here to support your child and encourage them to be their very best!



Click on the icon to email me with any questions.