

November 2009

Dates to Remember

Nov. 5—*Kilby Book Fair beginning @ 4:30*

Nov. 11—*Veteran's Day Holiday. Pre-K Class will be closed. Ms. Amy's Class will be open. Please pack a lunch.*

Nov. 16—*"6 Things Children Need From Their Parents @ 6:00*

Nov. 17—*"Math is Everywhere" by APT @ 1:30*

Parents, did you know.....

Children "read" books long before they know how to sound out words and recognize sight words. The skills preschool children use to "read" books include holding them, turning the pages, looking at the pictures, pointing to pictures and words, and listening to stories being read. The most important thing you can do to prepare you child for reading is to read to them!!

Classroom Happenings...

As the beauty of the fall season begins to unfold, we are going to begin reading books and talking about colors at school. Color names, color mixing, stains, fading, camouflage, and color patterns are just a few of the topics covered in our Pearson Early Literacy Program.

Through our story time books, children will hear about a dog that stains his white coat, a lion who paints pictures, and a rabbit who wants to buy a special shirt. In addition to listening to stories, children will increase their vocabulary and observe and explore color through learning about the changes that are taking place outside.

Children's Literature Exploring Color

- Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin Jr./Eric Carle
- Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni
- My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss
- A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
- The Mixed Up Chameleon by Eric Carle

Continue the learning at home...

Talk about clothes family members are wearing. Find different color patterns, like stripes or dots. At the grocery store, give color clues for items you plan to buy. Your child can find rice in the red box or the fruit that's long and yellow.

Farm Field Trip

A special Thank You to the Dawson Family (Trent, Cara, Madelyn, and Claire) for inviting us to spend the day at their family farm. The children were so excited and enjoyed every experience, i.e., the hay-ride, picking pumpkins, riding the horse, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows, making a scarecrow, and creating balloon farm animals!

**Thanksgiving Holidays
UNA will be closed for Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Nov. 25, Thursday, Nov. 26, and
Friday, Nov. 27. Have a safe and happy
holiday!**

PRE-K IS NOW A SMART CLASSROOM!!

Thank you so much to Kristopher Robertson (Foster's Dad) for helping us acquire the audio-visual equipment necessary to turn the Pre-K class into a "Smart Classroom". We now have a large pull-down screen, data projector, and surround-sound speakers for instructional use (and movie day on Fridays!) Thank you again! We are so excited!

Tupperware Fund Raiser Success

Thank you to everyone! We made \$973.00!! A special thank you to Haley Herring (Olivia's Mom) for planning our fundraiser and working with the Tupperware representative.

Fall Festival Success

Thank you to all of our parents for making our fall festival a success! The children seemed to have a wonderful time and we could not do it without you! Thank you for volunteering your time and energy!