

JK/SK November News

Room 103 ~ Mrs. Robinson & Ms. Barron

WINTER WEATHER

As the weather turns colder please remember to send your child with appropriate clothes to play outside. Every child should have a hat, scarf, mittens, boots, and snow pants in order to be comfortable playing in the colder temperatures. Please spend a few extra minutes to help your child learn how to get dressed independently. This includes putting on snow pants, winter boots, zipping zippers and putting on mittens. To help your child remember the steps of getting dressed we put up an order chart to remind the children the order they put on their winter clothes (Snowpants, boots, coat, scarf/hat, mittens last). We have also been sorting our winter clothes. Your child is learning to put their wet items (hat, mittens, and scarf) on the top shelf and their dry items (hat, mittens, and scarf) inside the sleeves of their coat. This helps everyone manage 30 sets of hats, mittens and scarves. Please send an extra pair of mittens so your child has a dry pair to wear during lunch recess. To avoid your child wearing wet socks after recess, please send in at least 2 extra pairs of socks. We will keep them in your child's cubby area. If your child's socks do get wet, they will put the wet pair in a plastic bag (if you put one in their backpack) inside their backpacks. Please check this daily so that you can send dry socks back to school. Please label all winter items!

UPCOMING DATES

November 25th – Class trip to Sharon, Bram and Friends

November 27th – Rocket Rally (Courage) at 2:00pm

November 27th – Subway Lunch (for those who ordered)

HOLIDAY CONCERT:

DATE: Tuesday December 9th (morning **and** evening performance)

TIME: confirmation coming home soon

This year our Kindergarten class will be a part of the Holiday Concert. Our class will be singing a song called *Little Packages*. The teachers will be making a simple but very cute costume for your child to wear. We are accepting any **ribbon donations** which will be used in the design of their costume. We are looking for ribbon that is an inch or so in thickness and approximately 36" (3 feet) in length. We are also looking for bow donations (2 - 3 per child). These items can be found at the dollar store. We appreciate any donations!

BEAUTIFUL JUNK:

Children love to make their own artistic creations in the creation centre. We are always looking for donations for the following items:

- tissue boxes
- paper towel roles
- plastic/take away containers
- zip lock bags
- buttons
- glitter
- tissue paper
- foam shapes

Curriculum Corner

In *Language*, we have been learning that every letter makes a sound. We are now learning that we can use these sounds to help us read words! If you notice your child trying to read a simple word, encourage him/her to sound or stretch out the sounds. We are also sounding out, or stretching, our words to help us in writing. We are listening to and writing down the first, middle and last sound that a letter makes when writing a word.

In *Math*, we have been doing lots of counting. We are learning that each number represents a specific quantity. This is called ***one to one number correspondence*** (i.e., the number 4 represents 4 objects). Each object being counted must be given one count and only one count. The number word spoken and the object counted must match up. We are also learning to recognize a number of objects at a glance, without having to count all the objects. This is called ***subitizing***. To help reinforce this concept we are using our fingers, dot plates and dice. You can try these concepts at home with your child. Your child will not recognize the concept names nor are they expected to know them, which is okay! They are learning the ***skill*** of each concept.

In *Science*, we are learning about the changes in our environment that are taking place as the seasons change. We are looking at our environment (trees, grass, etc.), the temperature and how it makes us feel (weather changes; cool air, wind, and snow) and how we need to change the way we are dressing.