

Multiage Newsletter!

November 2009

Nov. 2-16 Thanksgiving Food Collection

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day program

November 26 - Dec. 1 - Thanksgiving Break & conference exchange date

Language Arts

The multiage classroom is working hard on these reading skills this month: steps in a process, drawing conclusions, comparing and contrasting, main idea and details, and the plot of the story. During writing activities, students will encounter how to write advice letters, write questions that correspond to a given answer, secret messages, informational stories, thank you notes and directions!

Our book talk groups will present their book to the class in the form of a T-shirt design. The t-shirt is worn to school or during their presentation! These are made at home! Be sure to ask at school for any supplies you may need. I may have just the thing you are looking for in my supply cupboard!

Math

The children will continue to work at their own pace in small groups emphasizing skills that need reinforced. Each child has their individual math folder with word problems, rounding, place value, time, money and basic facts of addition and subtraction. In large group fractions will be introduced. It is VERY important that you review multiplication facts daily! We will continue to have quizzes on multiplication families.

Social Studies

Multiage will go through the election process as we vote for a class president. We will continue learning about the characteristics of a good citizen and decorate our citizenship tree in the hall. Flat Stanley continues to fly back home and we enjoy his travels! We will study prehistoric people and their journey to Ohio by following herds of mammoths for food. They will learn about the Ice Age and changes in the environment. This ties in nicely with our study of weather in Science class. We will use different media to study the Pilgrim's journey to the New World, how they survived

the first year, their introduction to the Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving celebration.

Science/Health

We will be studying our needs and feelings. We will learn how to manage stress and resolve conflicts. This will be studied and lived daily as we interact in cooperative groups and have leadership roles in our classroom. The children take turns in all subject areas being "mentors and apprentices" as they complete work and share their talents and weaknesses with peers. Our "Morning Meeting" is a time for many of our personal feelings and stressors to be shared. Be sure to ask your child about their sharing day! Science will focus on weather, instruments and forecasting. They will observe and track the weather.

Art

Multiage students are discovering the artistic side of math. We are working on angles to create string art designs!

PE

In November we will take a page from our Volleyball unit and work on a game called Newcombe, a lead-up activity that introduces the rules of volleyball. At the end of the month we will go to The Climbing Wall. After reviewing all of our safety procedures, we will progress to half and full wall climbs. We will also work on a new wall climbing activity, an obstacle course that is attached to the wall (using hoops and wands).

Music

Our program is this December 2nd at Hoover Hall. The show starts at 7:00. Students should be there by 6:30. Can't wait to see you there!

The research activities have been so interesting! The children have enjoyed presenting their work and "teaching" their classmates and me about their animal! It has been really interesting from a teacher's perspective to see the reaction of each child as they read and speak to their peers! They now realize the importance of eye contact and paying close attention to the speaker. Please ask your child how their presentation went and praise them their effort!