



# St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

October 9 - 12<sup>th</sup>

## Parent Tips:

Continue to practice Jolly Phonics sounds at home, even ones we have already learned! There are 23 in all now!

Report card testing is coming up soon! We will assess your child on all our high frequency words from this trimester (the list is on our website). Look for them in the books you read at home.

## Favorite Read Alouds:

There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Bat by Lucille Colandro

Firefighter A to Z by Chris Demarest



## Highlights:



1. Kindergartners focused on their writing skills by completing the sentence, "I like fall because..."
2. We worked on finding the beginning sounds of words, and matching pictures under the correct letter category.
3. In blue book (phonemic awareness) we practiced breaking up compound words (outdoors = out, doors) along with listening for ending sounds in words (keep—"p").
4. We continues to learn our Jolly Phonics book 4 sounds! This week we focused on double letter sounds: ai, oa, and ie!

High Frequency Words: *not, at, little*

Jolly Phonics Sounds: *ai, j, oa, ie,*



## Upcoming Events:

- Monday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Spiritwear day
- Wednesday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> -Halloween party; Fun fair in the PM
- Thursday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saint's Day mass in the AM
- Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester



**Halloween** is approaching!  
Here are the St. James guidelines:

Costumes: No face paint, masks, hair dye, or weapons please. Those are best left for trick-or-treating at home. A costume your child can put on with no or very little assistance would be best.

Treats: No candy is to be brought in for snack or parties or for distribution. It will be sent back home.



## Weekly Curriculum:

Reading and writing: Students learned three more high frequency words this week and they practiced reading them in their high frequency books. They highlighted *not*, *at* and read with a partner/teacher/or small group. Teachers continue to teach important comprehension skills during daily read alouds about the season of fall, fire safety, friendship, Noah's Ark.

Math: Kindergartners continue to count as high as they can and to recognize numbers as they read them. Students should know numbers 0-10 at this point in the school year. We continue to work with those tricky teen numbers. (11, 12, 13, 14, etc.) We review our number recognition through calendar time each day.



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