



St. James Kindergarten Newsletter

October 22-26th

Parent Tips:

1. Please continue practicing letter sounds and High Frequency words at home. The HFW list is on our website.
2. Other things you can practice at home to help promote independence: shoe tying, coat zipping, putting on gloves and hats.
3. **Thanksgiving** is approaching! We will be having a Feast on Tuesday, November 20th in the AM. More information to come.

Favorite Read Alouds:

National Geographic: Bats

Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure by Doreen Cronin



Highlights:



1. Kindergartners had their first Artist Awareness presentation! They learned about the famous artist, Henri Matisse and made collages out of shapes they created using construction paper.
2. Students sorted pumpkin seed words based on their word family. This helps them focus on the ending sounds in words and to hear rhyming words. (ie: "sat, bat, hat" are in the -at word family)
3. Kindergartners also enjoyed going to library and listening to a read aloud before checking out a new book for at home reading time.

High Frequency Words: *go, play, ran*

Jolly Phonics Sounds: *z, w, ing, v, oo/oo*



Upcoming Events:

- Friday, Oct 26th - Tip-Off at 6PM
- Monday, Oct 29th - Spiritwear day
- Tuesday, Oct 31st - Halloween party; Fun Fair in the afternoon
- Wednesday, Nov 1st - All Saints Day mass in AM
- Friday, Nov 3rd - End of First Trimester
- Tuesday, Nov 6th - report cards distributed
- Thursday, Nov 8th - early dismissal 1:30; PM conferences
- Friday, Nov 10th - No School, AM conferences



Halloween is approaching!
Here are 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 home.



Weekly Curriculum:

Reading and Writing: Kindergartners practiced 5 new jolly phonics sounds this week! They learned that the double "oo" makes two different sounds. Also, students practiced finding and highlighting the word "go" in their High Frequency Word books.

Science: Students listened to a nonfiction book about bats that told us all about their attributes. We did a whole group discussion afterwards to recall the information we had heard about bats.

Social Studies: Kindergartners continue to enjoy community helper speakers.

Second Step: Students learned that people may have the same or different feelings about the same situation. They discussed that it is okay if people have different feelings from one another.



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