

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we are just about to complete the month of September. The children have already learned so many things. Thank you for all your help at home! I'm sending home the "Snack & Show'N Tell" calendars for the month of October. Madilynn joined our class this week so we now have 11 children in Kindergarten.

Animated Literacy – This week the children have been busy meeting three new characters. First they met Arnie Aardvark, than came Jenny Jaguar, and finally Kimmy Kangaroo. They are helping them with their "ar, j,& k sounds.) Our new words this week are: **star & jar**. Their writing pages helped them with the words drum, hat & star.

Reading – This week we started our second reading unit. Our ABC book for this unit is called **ABC Street Fair**. Also we read a fun book called **Warthogs in the Kitchen A Sloppy Counting Book**. The children really enjoyed reading about the Warthogs baking cupcakes with pickles in them. They are also working on the "D sound" at the beginning and ending of words. To help them with this sound we read ***Dinosaurs for Dinner & Red Balloon***. These are two different poems that have several words with the "d sound." The children also listened to a story called ***Tweedy's Toys***. There was a special train in this story that drew the people back to this toy store. We then looked a diagram of a train and talked about the different cars on a train. In our new story we have three new words. Our new words are: **Dan, Dad, & and**. **Again have your child practice reading this story to you several times and bring it back to school to read to me on Monday.**

Math – This week our math book had the children working on numbers 0 through 5. Most of the children found this to be very easy. They also worked on one-to-one correspondence.

Centers – We did a variety of activities using spiders. At Good Luck Bear Center the children did a beginning sounds page with a spider web and spiders. They also made a big purple spider. At Bedtime Bear center they did a spider web story mat. They took turns telling number stories using their spiders. These number stories helped them work on counting and addition. (Example: one day there were 2 spiders playing on the web when along came 3 more spiders. How many spiders are playing on the web?) Have your child make up stories for you with their spider web story mat. Then at Birthday Bear center they made their own spider headband and did a beginning sound spider page. Next at Cheer Bear center they made a book called ***The Spider***. Finally at Tender Heart Bear center the children practiced more beginning sounds with spiders. Also at this center they made their own spider webs with a black piece of paper, white paint, and a marble that they rolled in the paint and then onto the black paper. The children also enjoyed eating spiders for snacks on Friday. Through out the week the children did other spider worksheets. They also listened to spider stories and songs.

Our Kindergarten class is participating in the “**Book It**” program. The Pizza Hut sponsors this program. It begins on October 1st and will end on March 31st. At the end of the month if a child has turned in one reading list (this is the 20-book list that you have been doing all along) they will receive a pizza award certificate. This may be taken to the Pizza Hut and they will receive a free, one-topping Personal Pan Pizza. On the first visit, the child also receives a “**Book It**” button and recognition sticker for their button. On each subsequent visit, the child is again congratulated and given another Personal Pan Pizza and sticker for their button. They may only earn ONE pizza a month. However they can continue to turn in more than one book list a month. **The children who earn pizza certificates all 6 months will earn a school pizza party in April.**

Science - We are still talking about living and nonliving things.

Social Studies – We are talking about how different places have different rules. Also we are talking about why it is important to have rules.

Dates To Remember

October 2nd	Kindergarten wears purple
October 3rd	Everyone wears orange and black
October 16th & 17th	No School – Work Day/Inservice Day
October 20th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00
October 21st	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00
October 23rd	Field Trip (more info later)
October 24th	No School
October 31st	Halloween Party – Begins at 2:15

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Hall