

Memos from Mrs. Martin
November 5-9



What We're Learning!

"J" Letter Expert = Victoria

Sight words = jump, look, my, no, not

Language Arts

This week in Language Arts students will be identifying rhyming words, sequencing pictures to coordinate with a poem, sharing our Turkey feathers, using transition words when writing, writing a persuasive letter and following oral directions to make a turkey.

We will also begin reading groups and work stations. This is a time I get to read and instruct children on their own reading level.

Math

Skill this week in math include:

- Ways to compose and decompose 10
- Math test on Chapter 4 will be Wednesday.
- Chapter 5 will begin the concept of addition.
- **If you have questions to concerns please email me at JillMartin@missouristate.edu**

Important Dates

- Turkey feathers are due Monday, November 5th.
- November 9th book orders are due. These will be the last orders before Christmas. Books are great ideas for Christmas gifts.
- November 21-23 Thanksgiving Break
- December 12- 6:30 p.m. Winter Music Program Greenwood Gym
- December 13- Last day of school before Winter Break.
- January 14 – Class Resumes
- January 21 – MLK Jr. Day – No Class



Please save any extra Halloween candy for our Gingerbread house projects. If you send in candy your child earns a chance ticket.



Be sure to check out our letter experts on page 4-6. 😊

Hot Topics!

We are collecting food for the Ozarks Food Harvest. They are in need of canned goods, dry pasta, and canned protein like tuna or peanut butter etc. The collections will be picked up from Greenwood on November 20th and December 13th. If you would like to participate, send in donations with your kindergarten student.

Parent Helpers needed.... Second grade and kindergarten team up to collaborate and work together in studying Gingerbread men and Gingerbread houses. We will be making houses on Dec. 7th. We need parent volunteers to put together houses on Wednesday, Dec. 5th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. That includes hot gluing graham crackers onto milk cartons.

Then volunteers are also needed to decorate houses with the children on Friday, Dec. 7th from 8:30-9:30 a.m.



See what's happening in science

<https://shallgren5.wixsite.com/gwoodelescience>

Things to work on at Home

TYING SHOES

- **Keep working on tying shoes. This is an important life skill.**
- **Practice saying a word and your child gives you the initial consonant and ending consonant. Ex. Parent says cat – child says it starts with c and ends in t.**
- **COUNT TO 100 BY 1's and 10's and 5's**
- **NAME THE DAYS OF THE WEEK**
- **NAME THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR**
- **SIGHT WORDS**
- **Write numbers to 100 – no backwards numbers please!**



Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week

It's all about the books!

Concepts about print (CAP) or print awareness is something that has to happen before reading. It sounds big but it really isn't. It's how readers know what to do, where to begin, where to look next, etc. CAP includes knowing how to:

- Identify the front and back covers of the book.
- Point out the name of the book, author, and illustrator.
- Show where to begin reading on a page.
- Follow the left-to right direction of words and the return sweep of print
- "Read" punctuation marks
- Notice differences in print – boldface, italics, underlining, font size, and so on
- Point out captions of photographs
- Look at labels and diagrams

Let the children teach you! Pretend you are an alien from outer space who has never seen a book before. Get really silly flipping the book around pretending not to know how to open it, asking what the names are for, what the title is, and so on. Children will always pipe up and begin teaching. Then try to read from the back to the front, flipping pages at random and looking at the pictures upside down. This fun learning activity reinforces what children do know and might even create an opportunity to teach them something new.





