

Memos from Mrs. Martin  
October 8-12



## What We're Learning!

**"F" Letter Expert = Norah**

**Sight words** = review the first 25 words

### Language Arts

- This week in Language Arts I will begin assessing sight words, rhyming words, letter recognition, letter sounds, coloring and cutting. It is quite a process, so it may take a couple of weeks to get to everyone individually.
- Columbus Day is Monday so we will learn his importance and write a sentence using correct capitalization, spacing and punctuation.

### Math

- This week in math, students will be naming, recognizing, counting and writing the numbers 18, 19, and 20. We will also be problem solving by drawing a diagram.
- I will also be having students use a 100 chart and asking them to try to write to 100. This will be an ongoing process for the rest of the year.

**If you have questions to concerns  
please email me at  
JillMartin@missouristate.edu**

## Important Dates

- Oct. 11-12<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break – No School
- Oct. 25-26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences.  
Sign up sheets are available at....

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a8ab29a2fe3-parent>

- October 31 – Halloween parade and party. Kids will wear regular school clothes to school but change into costumes at 1:00. Parents that volunteered for the Halloween party may help children change into costumes in our room. The girls change in the observation room and the boys will be in the bathroom.

The parade will begin at 1:30. Parents will want to be in the gym before 1:30 to get good seats.

Halloween costumes should not have blood, weapons, or school inappropriate content. Please ask if you are unsure.

**Please empty your child's folder each night. It is important to see everything each night and makes it easier to fill folders the following day**

Be sure to check out our letter experts on page 4-5. 😊

# Things to work on at Home

## TYING SHOES

- Congratulations to our newest Shoe Tying Expert..... Katelyn! Several other students are close to becoming and expert! Your efforts are paying off! Way to go!

## CORRECT PENCIL GRIP

- The correct pencil grip is important to correct letter formation. This includes the index finger on top of the pencil, the thumb on the side touching the index finger (I say the kids are giving the pencil a little hug.) and the middle finger lets the pencil rest on it.



## LETTER SOUNDS

- Point to a letter and have your child name the sounds that the letter makes. You could even ask for a word that begins with that sound. For ex. A sounds like short A sound. Apple. (Short vowel sounds are expected rather than long vowel sounds at this point in the year.)

## 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

\*\*\*\* JUST A NOTE ABOUT HOMEWORK – Please stay on the given week. The dates are at the top of the first page to help keep you organized so you don't run out of homework before the end of the month.



Cooler weather is on

the way. Please send jackets or sweaters with your children. We have many jackets that have been lost already. Be sure to mark each item with your child's name.



## Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week

### **Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week** Work on Listening Skills

So much learning takes place when good listening skills are developed. It is worth taking five minutes here or there as often as possible to work on it.

Take a listening walk. Walk around the neighborhood and share with your family all the sounds you hear and what the sound maker was. It is a great way to increase oral vocabulary.

Play mealtime telephone, a simple message is passed from person to person. One person thinks of a short message and passes it along by whispering it to the next person. The last person announces it, and everyone can giggle at how the message change along the way. You could even practice rhyming words here. Ex. This supper is super! This dinner is a winner. Gobble up your grub, yummy for my tummy. Kiss the cook and read a book!





