

## Kindergarten October News

Well our first month of school has zipped by. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The students are beginning to follow the routine of our classroom and already are becoming more independent as they move through their day. It is great to see that they are so eager to learn.

### This month...

In October we will be focusing on the recognizing similarities and differences in plants. We will be learning about the signs of fall and inquiring about pumpkins. We will continue working on printing our first name with one capital and the rest with lower case letters. Some of the students are able to do this independently so we will be focussing on **forming the letters properly** .We are also trying to **hold our pencils correctly!** We will be learning about patterning. We are continuing with the alphabet and number recognition. We are working on the letters d-g.

As the weather gets cooler, please dress your child appropriately and please **label** ALL items!

### Parent Volunteers

Our volunteers are doing a great job. We really appreciate the extra set of hands checking agendas, helping with letter time and working one on one with the students. If you are not able to help in the classroom but are interested in **sending snacks and juice for Halloween please call me** at school as soon as possible. We will need items for both classes. I would

like the volunteers to help with a Halloween party from 11:00-12:00 on Oct. 30 and 31. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would be able to help.

### Sharing Time:

We will continue with the topic "what we are thankful for" from October 1-7. The students are sharing wonderful signs of fall from October 11 -21. For the remainder of the month they can bring something that is black or orange or they can share some interesting things about spiders, bats or pumpkins. I can tell you have been chatting at home before they present and suggesting three things that they can say. Fantastic! It is a great way for them to have a spotlight in a very busy classroom.

### Homework Calendars:

The Homework calendar is due at the end of each month. I usually allow a few days to get in as many as I can and then I present the students with their certificates and a treat. Please remember to put your child's name at the top of the paper.

### Upcoming Events:

**Oct. 8: Thanksgiving:**

**Oct. 22: PCD**

**Oct.30/31: Halloween Party:** Please send your child's costume to school for them to change into **at lunch time**. Please make it so they can get dressed easily. We will be walking to the Lodge or the Apartments to sing some songs for them on these days as well.

