

Kindergarten Weekly

Week of October 31 - November 6, 2016

Language Arts/Reading: Learning "am" word family. High frequency popcorn word "and" as well as reading popcorn word book, The Map.

How to help: We have been doing a "fall" word wall for the last several weeks. Each day children are introduced to a new fall vocabulary word. This is simply learning vocabulary words by category. Pick a category with your child and try to come up with as many words as possible (food, toys, inside words, outside words etc.) Explore books on specific topics at the Itasca library in search of new vocabulary words. We also often make connections to words (that means they have something to do with each other) ex. What is the connection between jack-o-lantern and Halloween?" An appropriate answer would be that a jack-o-lantern is a Halloween decoration. Any time you can help your child make connections between words or topics, you will increase his/her comprehension in that area. You are going to start to notice that the "popcorn" word book are increasing in difficulty. Repeated readings will help your child to adjust to the difficulty. We tell the kids reading is like anything else you are trying to learn...the more you practice the better you get!

Math: November calendar and beginning number unit with practicing 1 and 2.

How to help: Please hang up the November calendar in a place where your child can reference it. Also feel free to add any special family dates that are coming up.

Other: First quarter report cards are coming home on Friday, October 28th. It is a narrative only. Please sign and return the report card envelope to school in your child's folder. The contents of the envelope are yours to keep. Your parent teacher conference time is listed on the report card. If you need to change your appointment please contact your child's teacher. Halloween festivities will take place on Monday, October 31st. Kindergartners should wear their costumes to school. Masks or accessories should not be worn to school but can be brought in a bag and then worn for the parade. Morning parade is 10:15-10:30 and afternoon parade is 1:30-2:00. Families are invited to school for the parades. The parties will follow the parades and they are for the kids only and the parents who have

volunteered to help. If your child would like to bring something to pass out to his/her friends it has to be a non-food item. That includes anything that might be put in goodie bags. If your child brings any food or candy we will have to send it back home.