

MRS. CRUZ'S KINDERGARTEN NEWS



November 2018



Nursery Rhymes

Throughout this month we will be reading and discuss some familiar nursery rhymes. We will be talking about the vocabulary that shows up, making personal connections, creating their own ending and reading stories that have a twist to the nursery rhyme, like in Humpty Dumpty. Below are the Nursery Rhymes we will read and discuss.

- Humpty Dumpty
- Jack & Jill
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Little Miss Muffet
- Jack Be Nimble
- Old Women Who Lived in a Shoe



Popcorn Words

Words introduced so far:

I am a at an go to the
this is my see me we can up
look up down and like no

Please help your child practice these words at home.

Make sure to keep your child's collection of "Popcorn Words" in the take home folder. We will add additional words to the baggie each week.

Our Words for November are:

Week of 11/5: will, you, yes
Week of 11/12: do, it, how
Week of 11/26: as, has, had



Foundations

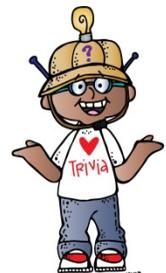
We have been, and will continue to focus on both recognizing the letters of the alphabet and knowing the sounds that they make. During the coming week we will continue to focus on the letters t, b, f, m, n, i, u, c, o, a, g, d, s, e and r. New letters that will be introduced in the weeks to come are: p, j, l, h and k.

Visit our classroom webpage for fun songs that we have been doing in class. Videos are located in the home Learning section on the webpage.



Important Dates

11/4 - Day Light Savings Begins
11/12 - Veteran's Day No School
11/19 & 11/20 - Parent Conferences
11/19-11/23 - No School
11/30 - Book Orders due



Webpage

Visit our classroom webpage for some fun songs, and activities that we have been doing in class.

<http://www.rhnet.org/webpages/jcruz/>



Eureka Math

During the next few weeks, our class will explore triangles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, and circles. We will learn to recognize and name shapes based on the number of sides and corners instead of naming a shape based strictly on what it looks like. Students will sort flat shapes according to these characteristics. For example, students may say, "This shape is long and skinny and doesn't look like a hexagon, but it has six sides and six corners so I will put it in the hexagon group!" You can expect your child to do the following: Identify triangles, rectangles, hexagons, and circles in a group of shapes, reason about which characteristics (sides and corners) determine how to classify a shape, and draw various shapes.

We will also explore solid shapes, including cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres. We will find that solid shapes are different from flat shapes because solid shapes are raised or can be held upright in students' hands. As they investigate further, students will notice that familiar flat shapes form the faces of solid shapes: "From above, this cube looks like a square! I can count 6 square faces on the cube!"

Social Studies

During the month of November we will continue our Social Studies unit *Myself and Others*. In this unit the students will be learning about what makes them special and unique by identifying their attributes, likes, and dislikes as well as their talents and abilities. We will also take a close look at how people change over time and respecting differences.

Throughout the month of November, we will also discuss Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving.



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Writing

During the next few weeks we will be working on why writers write and what writers do. We will be labeling our settings to tell about the things in our writing. Our next steps will be to add a sentence. For example, I like to go to the park. I will encourage the kids to use our popcorn words to help create their sentences, by doing so they will begin to start to see their selves as writers. Each student will get their own writing journal. We will try to write in them almost every day in order to help build their writing stamina. I am so excited to be starting this with the kids and I know that they will be excited too.



November Birthdays

These amazing students will be celebrating their birthday's this month. Happy Birthday to:



Justin: 11/1

Zoey: 11/6