



October 28, 2019

Dear Parents,

Halloween is right around the corner, and it looks like our parents have planned a *spooktacular* party for us. I'm excited to see the kids dressed up in their costumes but ask that they wait until the party to put them on. If you could send the costumes in a bag, I would really appreciate it.

In science, we completed the planning and building stages of our shelter challenge. This went really well - Every group was successful in building a shelter under or at their budget (\$10.00) while allowing room for family members (made of paper) to remain dry during and after the rain test. Our final stage will be to look for improvements or changes to the shelters if they could be rebuilt. I was most impressed with the collaboration and listening that was done within each group.

Thank you for sending in seeds. We began our exploratory sort on Friday in which we worked in groups to sort and classify seeds. I wanted the kids to look at the form of the seeds critically and begin to develop observation language (attributes, texture, weight, color, shape, and size) so they have schema to access when we start to learn about seed dispersal. I will be adding to their seed collection this week and introducing a couple new words: **monocots** (seeds that do not have a seam to split the seed in half like corn seeds) and **dicots** (seeds that do have a seam, like lima beans).

Our basal reading story this week is *Johnny Appleseed* - Great connection to our seed unit. The genre is a play which is the perfect opportunity to target reading fluency.

Our Eureka Math focus for the next two weeks include place value, expanded and standard form, time, and number line addition. Congratulations to Thatcher who earned two certificates for completing the addition and subtraction portions of XTRA math -)

Following is a list of this week's reminders:

- Halloween Party is Thursday 1:00-2:00.
- Guest Readers for the week are: Whitney Cook on Monday and Micah Blue on Wednesday.
- With the days getting colder the kids are bringing in a lot of extra clothes so **PLEASE make sure to label all coats, sweaters, etc.** This makes it so much easier for us to keep track of our belongings.

Have a terrific week!!!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Linda Hall