



A word about our **LEAPS** program:

**LEAPS** is an acronym for "Learning Enrichment at Anchorage Public School." Every student at Anchorage is involved with LEAPS. Some go into an "extra help" group, while some are in an "extra challenge" group. We are able to group students with similar abilities together for two hours per week. Our First Grade LEAPS groups meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 to 9:30. We spent the first few weeks of school getting to know the kids, assessing their relative strengths and weaknesses, and grouping them accordingly. By the way, these groups are flexible and fluid, so your child may move in and out of groups for the remainder of the year - or maybe not! Check in with your child periodically to find out what's going on in our LEAPS sessions.

Mrs. Warren inspired us with another exciting STEM challenge on Tuesday. Be sure to have your child tell you all about his or her LEGO inventions. They were truly amazing!

We owe a big debt of thanks to our PARTY PARENTS! Our Halloween party was so much fun! Thanks to Susan Swint, Leslie Lucas, and Gina Miller, who planned such exciting activities for us. Our Community Connections/Core Values activity was very special and will make lots of youngsters very happy! And we make VERY adorable MUMMIES! 😊

Here's what we've been involved with in all curricular areas:

\*Math: counting patterns, addition and subtraction, "related" math facts

\*Spelling: short "e" and "ck," "tch," "dge," and "floss" (double s, double l, double z) rules

\*Writing: using capital letters, periods, and commas in a series

\*Science: life cycles of plants (emphasis on pumpkins)

\*Social Studies: pioneer families along the Ohio River Valley

### **IN NOVEMBER:**

\*Election Day is next Tuesday. No school that day!

\*School-wide Thanksgiving Dinner on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservations now!

\*Thanksgiving holiday vacation on November 27, 28, and 29

Happy Halloween!

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