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## Newsletter: Week of Oct 12



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Hello Kindergarten Families!

Last week in Language Arts, we:

- added to phonics notebooks and completed pages for letters d and g by:
  - cutting apart cue words for each letter, coloring them, and gluing them into notebooks
  - completing mazes of each letter in different fonts to promote recognition
  - writing on handwriting pages to practice proper letter formation
- completed a writing activity to correspond to a "Nighttime Pumpkins" art project (described below)

In Math, we:

- talked about number 0 as a representation of the abstract concept of "nothing"
- practiced ordering numbers 0 - 5
- completed pages in Math in Focus workbooks for 0 and number order of 0-5
- finished our first chapter in Math in Focus!

We also:

- created Nighttime Pumpkins by:
  - first drawing a pumpkin, stem, and leaves using oil pastels on white paper
  - then painted them using only primary colors (red, yellow, blue), mixing to create orange, green, and brown
  - cut and glued the pumpkins onto black paper
  - added details such as a vine, moon, and stars
  - Lastly, students wrote a sentence to accompany their completed project, "My pumpkin is \_\_\_"
- Began Academic Choice!
  - This block of time at the end of the day offers students freedom to choose a learning activity to practice kindergarten skills. At this time, I remain available to assist and guide students through their activities, but soon students will be able to work without assistance, leaving me available to work in small groups or even one-on-one with students for differentiated lessons.
  - So far, academic choices include:
    - ABC puzzles, ABC clothespin matching, alphabet connecting pieces
    - tracing and writing classmate's names
    - roll and record number race/graph
    - practicing to listen to beginning sounds and identifying matches
    - replicating AB and ABB color patterns
  - I will continuously rotate and update choices in order to keep students engaged and challenged.



Please see my recent email to schedule your child's Student-Led Conference at a time of your choosing on Wednesday, November 3rd. Thank you!

Have a great week!  
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### Additional Media

Photos: Week of Oct 12 ()

123 photos

33 views

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