# Our Kindergarten Classroom News 

## The Week of October 3rd, 2016

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## News From Our Classroom

Fall is here! Last week we celebrated the beginning of Fall with a walking field trip to explore our environment. We also started working on a Habitat project in small groups with students from Ms. Schafenacker's seventh grade electives class. With their help, we learned about a habitat and then created a popplet (app-based mind map) of what we learned about the habitat on our iPads. This week we will explore living and non-living parts of our assigned habitats.

This week we are very excited to explore even more about our environment and learn more about respecting living things with a guided walking field trip to the Ballona Wetlands. Westside has a great partnership with this organization, and we are very much looking forward to what is sure to be a very fun and educational event.

We have been practicing our writing skills in daily journals each morning, and have begun using Lexia as part of Language Arts centers. In Math, we will explore numbers to 20 and practice counting to 50 and 100 by ones and tens.

We also have been practicing The Mexican Hat Dance for The Hispanic Heritage Month assembly with the first graders, and over the next two weeks will help create decorations for the assembly. As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will continue to learn about famous Latino and Hispanic Americans, as well as read a variety of Latin American folktales.

## Reminders

The Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly will be on Thursday October $20^{\text {th }}$.

Our walking field trip to the Ballona Wetlands will be on Wednesday, October $5^{\text {th }}$.

Please sign up to view our class on Class Dojo.

## Home-School Connection

- Practicing counting with your child by ones and tens.
- Working on handwriting.
- Comparing living and non-living things and talking about Fall.
- Reading and writing together including talking about letter sounds.

