



Our Kindergarten Classroom News

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News From Our Classroom

Welcome November! Hard to believe, but we just marked the 50th day of school on Friday. We've been very busy learning a lot in our class. In Math, we've begun learning about geometry, we started with comparing and classifying flat shapes and will move into solid shapes soon. If you would like to follow along using the free online curriculum, we are currently in EngageNY Module 2.

Speaking of Math, I recently signed up our class for an online math program aligned to our curriculum, called Zearn. We are switching from worksheet-based homework to online homework using Lexia and Zearn so keep a look out for additional information.

In Science we will continue our study of habitats and will also be comparing plants and animals. Related to this study of habitats, in Social Studies we have been studying maps and even made a map of the school with the 7th graders. We will continue this area of study with examining what maps tell us, different kinds of maps, and an upcoming map project where students will create a map of their neighborhood.

We recently began art with our school art teacher, Mrs. Baldonado. For our most recent project we created a mural of the ocean and then came up with ways that we could respect the ocean to tie into our grade-level global awareness theme of respecting living things.

In language arts, we've begun writing a lot more and have been practicing our reading in guided reading groups.

Reminders

Our full-day field trip to see the production of "Scrooge" put on by the 9 O'Clock Players is on Tuesday November 1st. Please contact me with any questions

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We've begun using Class Dojo a lot more in our classroom so please sign up if you haven't already. It is a great tool to stay connected with our class!

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If you are interested in recommended websites and/or apps to stay connected to our class and/or help your child learn, I recently set up a new section of our class website with a list of great resources.



Home-School Connection

- Pointing out shapes in everyday objects.
- Looking at maps, even GPS or google maps on a smartphone.
- Reading and writing together and talking about letter sounds.
- Talking about ways to respect living things.
- Working on handwriting and holding a pencil.