

2E News

10/25/19

Notes from Mrs. Elman

Dear Parents,

The children are looking forward to Halloween next Thursday. Officer Hyndman came during lunch this week to talk with the children about how to stay safe when trick or treating.

Halloween Schedule for 10/31/19:

2:00 Parade

2:30 School Wide Assembly - Magic Show by Randy

**Only parents signed up previously will be allowed to attend the school wide assembly.

General Costume Guidelines:

- Costumes should be brought to school in a bag and labeled.
- ALL students will change into their costumes in the afternoon.
- ALL costumes MUST be safe for the parade and assembly.
- Comfortable shoes are suggested.
- NO toy weapons, NO exceptions.
- NO masks.
- We ask that you please avoid group costumes.

We can't wait to see everyone's 'boo'tiful costumes!

Sincerely,

Karen Elman

The Week in Review

English Language Arts (E.L.A.)

We have started reading *Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday*. See the attached document for the unit vocabulary and goals. Alexander grapples with money management in this beloved picture book from Judith Viorst, author of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Day*.

Last Sunday, Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar - and he was rich. There were so many things that he could do with all that money! He could buy as much gum as he wanted, or even a walkie-talkie if he saved enough money. But somehow the money began to disappear.

As we read, we are focusing on the idea that readers understand that knowing the structure of a story helps them comprehend the text. We are also looking at the story as writers to understand that describing a character's actions, thoughts, and feelings enhances a story.

Our foundational skills focus is on the consonant digraphs ch, tch, sh, th, wh. We are studying words that use these two and three letter combinations that work together to spell a new sound. Be a reading detective and look for these as you read together!

Math

As we continue working in unit 2, the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* continues as Jack discovers a beanstalk loaded with giant, multicolored beans. Worried that people might think he is exaggerating, Jack finds a roll of adding machine tape in his pack and cuts lengths to match some of the beans. We were able to measure his adding machine tapes with unifix cubes in class to find the lengths of his beans. The measuring work continued as students measured the perimeters of garden beds that Jack wanted to make to grow more beans in his backyard.

In these lessons, students learned to make unifix trains of 5s or 10s of a color rather than random colors to make counting long trains more efficient. Students worked to attend to precision by posting their results on a chart and discussing the answers and why there may have been differences in results.

Students also learned a new Work Place game to practice addition and subtraction. It is called *Pick Two, Roll & Subtract*. Players take turns drawing two cards, finding a total for the numbers drawn, and then subtracting a number that is rolled on a die to get a score for the round. Players play five rounds and then add their scores and compare the results. The player with the higher final score wins the game, but everyone wins growing their math brain!

Inquiry.

Leader in Me

Our class began learning about leadership. Ask your child, "What qualities do you have that make you a leader?" Some qualities that we came up with in class include: kind, respectful, cooperative, doing what you're supposed to do, doing what needs to be done without being asked, helpful AND MORE!

Erin's Law

Mrs. Williams, the school social worker, joined us in class to talk about safe and unsafe touches. Students learned that if a touch makes them feel unsafe, they should strongly say, "NO!", they should go and tell a trusted adult. She sent home a practice page for you to continue the learning at home with your child.



Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday Poster.pdf
Check out our current reading unit goals!

[Download](#)
127.7 KB



Math- Unit 2.pdf
Check out what we are learning in our current math unit!

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508.4 KB

Learning in Action!



Number Corner

Students build rectangular arrays to represent the day's date.



Math

Students help Jack (in the Beanstalk) measure his garden beds.



Erin's Law

Mrs. Williams helped us learn about safe touches.



Star Student

We enjoyed learning all about this week's star student!



Happy Birthday!

This student was excited to celebrate his 8th birthday with the class!



Mystery Reader

Thank you to a former student who surprised the class and **me** when she came to be our mystery reader! The children learned that working together is key from the story she read: *Big Pumpkin*.



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