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A weekly newsletter for Kindergarten at Thelma Jones Elementary • Mansfield Independent School District

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Our Focus This Week

This week the Kindergarten students will begin to learn about Thanksgiving. We will read books and poems to enhance this unit.

Upcoming Events:

CiCi's Pizza Night—November 19 (5:00-9:00)

Thanksgiving Holiday—November 23-27

At Home Activities: Please practice learning to tie shoes at home.

Reading Reminders

We are continuing to review that sentences are made up of a group of words. We are also blending spoken onset and rimes to form simple words such as: onset /c/ and rime /at/ make cat). Identifying elements of a story including setting, character, and key events are also being explored. We are sharing information and ideas by speaking audibly and clearly using the conventions of language.

At Home Activities: Sight words: was, come, here, can, up, down, get, do, did, is

Enrichment Schedule

See Enrichment Calendar

SPECIAL NOTES: Wear tennis shoes on PE days and Fridays.

Math

This week the Kindergarten students will be comparing numbers through 10. We will use one-to-one correspondence and language such as more than, same number as, or two less than to describe relative sizes of sets of concrete objects.

At Home Activities: Count and Compare Game:

Materials: number cards (1-10), two colors of buttons (10 each color). Shuffle number cards for 1-10 and place them facedown. Take turns drawing a card and place that many buttons in a column. Compare the numbers on the cards to see which number is greater and which number is less

Language Arts

The children are continuing to dictate and/or write stories remembering to start each sentence with a capital letter and using punctuation at the end of each sentence. Handwriting is also a continued focus as we work to form upper and lower case letters legibly using the basic conventions of print (left-to-right and top-to-bottom progression). Kindergarten students will recognize spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound (example: "baby boy bounces the ball").

At Home Activities:

Please continue to practice writing names the "school" way (first letter capitalized and the rest lower case). Practice alliteration with your child.

Science/Social Studies

Thanksgiving, Pilgrims, Mayflower, Native Americans will be explored.