

Children are our most valuable resource.

-Herbert Hoover

***The Kindergarten News ***

for the week of 9 / 18 / 23

- Theme — Fire Fighters and Fire Safety
- Introduce — Sight Words: in, the, me & see / li & Jj
- Expressive Vocabulary — inevitable — not able to be avoided jovial —full of fun; merry; jolly
- Bits of Intelligence — Insects
- Fable — The Grasshopper and the Ants

Language Arts

This week, we will concentrate on the letters li & Jj. As with the letter Aa, we will learn that li is a vowel with both a short sound (as in igloo) and a long sound (as in ice). Our work will continue with our "Build A Word" game, and the children will also enjoy playing the "Build A Sentence" game, in which we make sentences using sight words and word families. The children will also be introduced to the concept of compound words this week. We will learn that a compound word combines two words to create a new word, such as rainbow. Since compound words can often be confused with two-syllable words, we'll spend some time learning how to tell the difference between the two. We will learn about the "ap" word family and practice spelling those words. The class will also begin an exciting, new, three-week unit of study on safety. We'll start by learning about firefighters and will take a virtual visit to the Fire Station. We will discuss firefighters' important role in our community and what it is like to be a firefighter. We will also practice stop, drop, and roll and stay low and go.

Math / Science

We will spend a lot of time counting, comparing numbers, and identifying the missing number in a number sequence pattern. As the fall season approaches, we will begin discussing the changes we see around us. We will continue to learn about the state of Illinois and what it is known for. We will close out the week using our geoboards to assist us with our understanding of rows, columns, and ordinal numbers.

Each Friday, one child will be given star student materials to bring home, complete, and return to school the following Monday. That child will then have the opportunity to "shine" all week by showing, discussing, and displaying what they have brought in with the class. This is a wonderful way to build your little one's self-confidence by making them feel unique and valued! The first star student will be sent home with Josie on Friday, September 22nd.

Please remember to return Homework packets by Friday. Our first family project is due, please send those to school no later than Wednesday September 20th.