



Weeks of 10/4/2010 and 10/12/2010

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Kindergarten News

Science



We are working on our plant seed unit. The children are enjoying watching the plants grow and now we are measuring them! Hanna has the tallest plant so far. The ones in the plastic bags are growing, too. The children have predicted whose will grow the tallest and also whose plant will sprout the most. We have also graphed the growth of the plants. What a interesting unit!

We will start a unit on fall next week. We will learn why leaves change color and also about different climates. We will talk about Phoenix and make predictions as to when we think it will cool off. We will try and go on a nature walk if the weather is nicer and look for fall leaves!

Reading



We will be starting a unit on the classic book "The Gingerbread Man." I am looking for all sorts of versions of this book, so if you have this story, please bring your book to class. I want to do compare and contrast with different authors and time periods. We will also make our own gingerbread boy and display them throughout the school. This is such a fun unit and I know the children will enjoy it.

Sight words will be coming home next week. I will introduce six sight words every other week. Please practice them at home. These are words that have to be memorized- not sounded out.

No School October 7th, 8th, and 11th. Please come and enjoy the Greek Festival the weekend of October 8th thru 10th.
If you can volunteer in our Hot Dog Booth, please due so by contacting Juli Pritsos.

Math



We have finished our first chapter in our math books!! We learned our shapes, sizes, and patterns. I think Patterns were the big hit. The children enjoyed making their own patterns and writing them on our white board. Please come check them out in our classroom. Next week we will begin more than, less than, and predicting. We are continuing to write our numbers on a daily basis. Please try and work on this at home. It is very important for the children to learn how to write their numbers correctly.

General



We are still working on learning our home telephone numbers. We recite them on a daily basis and also write them down. Please practice this at home. I believe it is so important for the children to know their home phone number. Next week we will begin to learn our home address.

We also did a fun unit on pets. We talked about our pets and how we take care of them. We will continue this unit next week with some other enjoyable activities I have planned. The children wrote about a special pet they would like to have. Some ideas presented were a jaguar, mouse, dogs, and kittens.

Every morning the children practice Greek words with me. We are working on Good Morning, Goodnight, How are you?, I love you, let's go, and good. They are also learning the colors in Greek with Kyria Nektaria. I review all the words they learn with her on a daily basis.