



Weeks of 10/17/2011

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## Kindergarten News

### Science



We sure have enjoyed working on our Fall Unit. We have read so many books on how and where the leaves change. We talked about why they change only in certain areas of the country. In Arizona we are so lucky because we can drive up North to see beautiful fall leaves. The children wanted to find some leaves here at HTA that looked like they have changed colors. So, I decided to take them on a nature walk. They sure proved me wrong. They found leaves that were partly green and brown! I had originally told them the leaves change only up in Northern Arizona. We also found some olives, sticks, feathers and cool rocks on our walk.

### Reading



We are having so much fun working on our books on the alphabet! It is a great way to engage the children while also teaching them the sound or sounds of the letters. We continue to practice on how to write our letters. Please practice this at home. I am seeing some improvement since the beginning of the school year.

Please have your child read the decodable books I send home with them. We usually do one a week and they are so proud of themselves when they can read them.

**Thanks to all of you who helped volunteer at the Greek Festival. It was fun working with you all. Can't wait until next year! OPA!!**

### Math



Please practice counting with your children. We are working on counting up to the number 50. We are slowly learning how to count by 5s. We will work on this throughout the year.

I have introduce patterns to the children. We have enjoyed using pencils, markers, blocks, etc. to grasp this concept. It has been difficult but we have mastered it. Please continue to work on patterns at home. You can get creative and have fun doing this with your children!

### General



The children have brought home their Greek books. Please keep them at home and work on them with your child. I also sent home their Greek homework workbook. Please try and work on it with your child. They need to bring them back to school on Tuesday. I will help them with their homework if they need it. I continually work on the new vocabulary words with the children on a daily basis.

Please send a water bottle to school with your child. Also a snack that does not have to be refrigerated would be greatly appreciated!

I will not be in school Monday, October 17, and Tuesday, October 18. The children know this and are excited for Mrs. Daniolos to be their substitute teacher.