

Lyons Falls Classroom I News

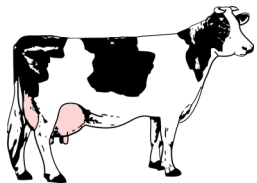
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Our Focus

For the past two weeks the children have been learning about fire safety and pumpkins. Fire fighter figurines and trucks have filled our block room. The art room has been busy making and painting pumpkins and drawing on real pumpkins.

We reviewed the letters Pp and Ss and learned the letter Ff. The children have also been working on shapes, colors, lacing and counting.



Reminders

Please check your child's folder each night. Important mail home may be inside.

Toys and extra items from home make backpacks very full and heavy, please be selective.

Please send in your favorite family recipe for a special project we are doing.

On Oct 26th we had a WOW experience! To go along with our pumpkin Study the class visited the pumpkin patch at Kraegers Farm. Each child received a pumpkin to take home, went on a hay ride and toured the farm. The tour sparked the interest of many children and our new study will be farming.

Creative Curriculum

At the beginning to the year we shared that we have a new curriculum. With that we have new terms. In the past we have focused on a theme now we have a study. The studies are focused on a specific topic. These studies are based on the classroom interest and/or request of the children.

Studies we have completed so far:

Ball
Fire
Pumpkin

And we are currently working on Farming.

Another term you may see or hear is "A WOW experience". This is an experience that highlights what we have learned in our study.

Example of a recent WOW experience. We just did a fire study.

Our WOW experience for that study was a trip to the fire department.

Other Terms:

Choice time– this is our free play time when the children can explore and play with friends.

New terms and a new curriculum but all the same fun educational learning!



Staffing Change

Mr. Miller has decided to be the cook at the Beaver Falls center. Friday, November 2nd was his last day in the Lyons Falls center. We wish him well at his new location.

Writing skills are a work in progress for young children. We have been providing a variety of activities focusing on strengthening small muscles. Play dough and Thera Putty are two great activities that help to build hand muscles. Strengthening hand muscles is an important step to prewriting skills. We have been using our hands to lace which is also a great for hand eye coordination. Attached is a pumpkin to use for lacing, there is also a place to practice your name on the pumpkin!



With the cooler weather upon us please make sure to send a jacket with your child each day. An important part of school readiness is self help skills. Please encourage you child to put their jackets on themselves. The children become very excited when they put on and zip their jackets independently.

Ms. Shorty and Mr. Miller have been following our studies as well. We have made pumpkins out of crackers and cream cheese and made pigs and chickens with our English muffins at breakfast. There is a lot of good learning and to be had with at meal times!

