

October 20, 2006

What Are Molecules Learning?

October 16-20, 2006

Math Workshop:

- Counting 1- 20
- Sorting and classifying by shape,
- Learning Math Games
- Recognizing patterns (movement and sound)
- Math Internet sites

Language:

- Recognizing and practicing the letters \Gg\ and \Nn\
- Story elements: characters
- Popcorn Words: \go\ \at\
- Handwriting: top to bottom
- Rhyming words: /ag/ (bag, wag, rag...); /at/ (at, sat, rat, mat...)
- Read Aloud: Because of Winn Dixie
Winn Dixie gets cleaned up and meets new friends.
- Poetry Journal: *I Saw a Sailing Ship*
- Writing: Spaces between letters and words

Social Studies:

- Community Helpers: review of all
- Needs and wants: (water, food, toys, and candy)



Help the Homeless Walk

Greg Tang Visits: On Tuesday ASFS students met author Greg Tang. With his sense of humor and poems, he shared strategies for the Molecules to use for counting. Add Tang's books to your child's library.

Wonderful News! We have a parent volunteer during Modeled Writing for everyday of the week. Their job as editor is fun and the rewards are PRICELESS!

During Math Workshop, Molecules continue looking at patterns. We're playing games that enrich our understanding that patterns can be created with movement and sound, as well as colors, numbers and letters. Take time to look for patterns at home. We're collecting interesting patterns to share with everyone. Have a pattern hunt!

PAL Assessments: This week Mrs. Schaefer and I administered the statewide PALS (Phonological Assessment Literacy Screening) in small groups and individually. This indicator of reading readiness assesses the ability to identify letters and sounds, rhyme, beginning sounds and demonstrate and understand of the concept of word. This gives a benchmark against which to measure the children's growth in May.

Kindergarten Bulletin Board

10/21	Harrison's Birthday	
10/25	Principal's Chat	Library 8:00
10/27	International Night	MP Room 7:00
10/27	ACFD Visits the Molecules	2:00
10/31	Halloween Parade and Party	1:30
11/2	Field trip to Cox Farm	9:30-1:30
11/3	Reflection Contest entries due	
11/4	Book Fair begins ASFS Library:	All Week
11/7	PTA Meeting	Library 7:00
1/10	Veteran's Day	No School

Molecule of the Week Mignote and Lacey

Halloween Festivities

Our ASFS tradition of having a Halloween parade will begin at 1:30 in the front of the school. We invite families to line North Lincoln Street to watch our children as they parade.

If you would like to contribute to festivities in the classroom contact our Fabulous Four room parents. Costumes should be child appropriate and easy for your child to put on independently in the afternoon.

Please keep in mind that we will parade through the neighborhood and want to make sure student can walk with ease. No frightening masks including those with liquid blood, sharp objects, play guns or weapons are allowed. We want to make this festive occasion pleasurable and fun for all ASFS students.

In case of bad weather, the parade moves inside.