Dear Families, November 2, 2015

Can you believe it is November already? It is unbelievable to me! A special thanks goes out to all the families that helped make our Halloween party such a success. I think the children had fun! A big “Thank You” to our room moms (Mrs. Drew & Mrs. Filion) for making this happen !

Your child has been working on the following letters: t,f,b,n,m,I,u,c,o,a,g,d,s,e,r, p,j,l,k,h. Your child should be able to identify these letters and produce the sound that each letter makes. As we move towards reading unknown words and writing down the sounds students hear in words, this skill is crucial. Students are learning to stretch out words and then write down the corresponding letter for the sounds that they hear. The sight words covered in October were: a, I, me, like, is, the, my, to, am, can, see, we. Your child should be able to identify these sight words. Looking ahead, in November we will be introducing the following letters: v,w,y,x,z,q, and the following sight words: went, it ,go, yes ,no, said. In your child’s folder, you will find the latest sight word cards for your word rings at home. Additional practice at home will strengthen your child’s confidence and help him/her to recall these letters, sounds and sight words with ease. These skills are essential for students as they are beginning to write sentences. In math, focus will be placed on quantities of 4,5, and 6. Students will make connections between counting an d cardinality. They will understand the relationship between these numbers such as “one more” or “one less”. Students will know all the ways to break apart a number into two smaller numbers (5 is 2 and 3, 4 and 1, 5 and 0, etc.). Students will solve story problems with decomposing stories, addition stories and subtraction stories within 6.

Our rotating Monday schedule for specials is as follows: Nov. 2-Gym, Nov. 9-Music, Nov. 16-Art, Nov. 23 Gym, Nov. 30-Music.

Here is a list of important dates for this month:

Nov. 3th-Election Day-No School for students

Nov. 10th-Veterans Day Assembly for students and guests (Veterans and/or active duty)

***Wear Red, White and Blue***

Nov. 11th-Veterans Day-No School

Nov. 13th (rain date Nov. 16th)-Beautification Day-Help us clean up the school grounds @ 11:00-11:30

Nov. 20st-Feast at 9:15-10-This event is for students. Usually, the two room parents come to help out. Have your child wear “pilgrim colors”-brown, gray, black, dark blue and/or white shirts

Nov. 25th–Minimum day

Nov. 26th and 27th-Thanksgiving Break

Hopefully, we won’t experience too many snow days this winter. If there is anything that we can do to help you, please contact us. Thanks! Kathy Sullivan & Kathy Lalikos & Kevin Dennis