

Children are our most valuable resource.

-Herbert Hoover

*** The Kindergarten News ***

for the week of 9 / 20 / 21

- **Theme** – Fire Fighters and Fire Safety
- **Introduce** – Sight Words: Mother, Father, Do, am & to / Ii & Jj / review numbers 1 - 20
- **Expressive Vocabulary** – **inevitable** – *not able to be avoided*
jovial – *full of fun; merry; jolly*
- **Bits of Intelligence** – Insects
- **Fable** – The Grasshopper and the Ants

Language Arts

Our focus this week will be on the letters Ii and Jj. It will be stressed that the letter Ii is a vowel, which we now know has both a short sound (is in igloo) and a long sound too (as in icicle). Work will continue with our “Build A Word” game and the children will also enjoy playing the “Build A Sentence” game in which we make sentences using the sight words from our Independent Reading Stories. The boys and girls will be introduced to the concept of compound words this week as well. We will learn that a compound word is two words that are put together to create a new word, such as rainbow. Since compound words can often be confused with two syllable words, we'll spend some time learning how to tell the difference between the two. We will review the “at” and “ap” word families from last week as well as meet the “an” word family. The class will also begin an exciting, new, three week unit of study on safety. We'll start by learning about firefighters. We will discuss the important role that firefighters play in our community and what it is like to be a firefighter. Everyone will get the chance to dress up as a firefighter and sing the “I'm A Little Firefighter” song. We will also practice *stop, drop and roll* and *stay low and go*.

Math / Science

Our review of the numbers 1-20 continues. We will spend quite a bit of time counting and comparing numbers as well as identifying the missing number in a number sequence pattern. We will also have a discussion about the four seasons and the changes that occur in the weather and the environment as we move through the year. The children will discover that the reason our seasons change is because the Earth orbits the sun. We'll even perform a simple science experiment using a flashlight and our globe to help us better comprehend this concept. We will close out the week using our geo boards to assist us with our understanding of rows, columns and ordinal numbers.

Important Dates

September 20 Star Student / Jaime Martinez
September 24 Art Day / Fire Truck craft

A fun, new home/school activity called “Star Student” begins this week!
Each Friday, one child will be given star student materials to bring home, complete and return to school the following Monday. That child will then have the opportunity to “shine” all week by showing, discussing and displaying what they have brought in with the class. This is a wonderful way to build your little one's self confidence by making them feel special and valued!