

Kindergarten Newsletter

November 9, 2007

Dear Families,

This week in Room One, we studied the letter “Cc” which makes a clicking sound like castanets! Please ask your child to tell you two words that begin with the letter “Cc.” It would also benefit your child if you reviewed the letters/sounds we have already learned: S, L, A, P and T. Thank you for your help with this!

The children worked on many activities this week to reinforce the letter of the week. We read If You Give A Mouse A Cookie and then each child read “C is for _____” and wrote a word beginning with the letter C. Next, each child illustrated his/her sentence using craypas.

This week in Kindergarten we began talking about what it means to be thankful. Our discussions and activities around the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday will remain centered on what thankful means to each one of us. The children did some writing about what they are thankful for and we had some interesting class discussions! The children worked in partners and traced each other’s feet and hands to create some unusual-looking turkeys! Then, they told the teachers how to cook a turkey. (For sure, I don’t know how to do this!!) Their turkey recipes are hanging in the hallway outside our classroom. Everyone at Conant is enjoying them. If you have a minute, stop by to take a look to see what the Room One chefs recommend!

In math we continued counting, sorting and writing numbers to ten. The children learned a fun math game called “Twisty Roads” that is played in partners. One partner builds a twisty road out of small tiles. Next, the partners take turns rolling a die and advancing their teddy bear playing piece along the twisty road. This game gives the children practice comparing numbers, quickly recognizing numbers on a die, taking turns and following rules. Another math game the children are really enjoying is “Number Memory.” They handmade index cards representing the numbers 0-10. Then, the children form partners or small groups and place their collective number cards facedown. They take turns turning over two cards at a time, searching for matches. This game is very popular and helps to develop visual matching skills and strengthen visual sequential memory skills.

This week the children enjoyed playing in the Room One Post Office, painting at the easel, and writing and sculpting with shaving cream sprinkled with green glitter. We have SO much fun...

As a reminder, there is **no school** this Monday, November 12. Enjoy the long weekend together!

Sincerely,

Abigail C. Dressler

Wish List:

*Homemade playdough: we’d use this anytime!

*Empty, clean cardboard boxes, nothing bigger than a bread box!

