



Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



November 4, 2016

This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we practiced hearing long and short vowel Oo. We also practiced writing and recognizing *you* and *have*. We read and illustrated a special poem that we presented to our grandparents on Grandparents Day! In writing workshop, we responded to the story **Leaf Man** by creating our own leaf men and women and deciding where the wind might blow them. According to our book, "A leaf man's got to go where the wind blows." We also worked on making our how-to writing clear enough for our readers to understand. We added labeled diagrams to help with this.

This Week in Math:

This week in math, we began learning about 2-D, or flat shapes. We learned that shapes can have curved lines, straight lines, or even both. We talked about triangles, rectangles, squares, circles, and hexagons. We learned that squares are actually a special kind of rectangle! Have your child name these shapes and tell you about them!



This Week in Science:

This week in science, we learned about wood and paper. We started the week by reading **The Giving Tree** and talking about all the things that trees give us. Then, we learned about the properties of wood and did an experiment to see if different kinds of wood would sink or float. Soon, we will have an opportunity to make our own paper!



No November birthdays! 😞

Important Dates:

- 11/7 Eagle Olympics
- 11/8 Election Day: School Holiday
- 11/11 Veterans Day Assembly
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 Field Trip to Little Red Schoolhouse



Reminders:

- You may now be notified via twitter when the blog has been updated. Follow me **@mckenna_kinder** if you are interested! Please see the blog's latest updates to know what has been going on in kindergarten!
- Monday is our Field Day. You are welcome to come watch us between 10:20 and 11:00 for our morning activities. We will first be participating in a race in the front of the school (field outside of the cafeteria). From there, we will head to the gym for some fun. Come see us if you'd like! ☺



Home Talk:

Wood and Paper Hunt! How many different household items can your child find that are made of wood or paper? If you wish to extend the activity, have him/her make a list of "Wood Items" and "Paper Items." How can we make sure that we are not wasting the resources that trees give us?



Each week, teachers will pick a student who has done a great job being a "bucket filler," or a kind friend. This week, our bucket filler is: **Taylor Jensen**

