



Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



October 21, 2016

This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we practiced recognizing, identifying sounds for, and writing letters Xx, Yy, and Zz. We read and illustrated *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe* and reviewed our first quarter sight words: I, can, we, the, at, am, mom, dad, yes, no, I, is, see, go and a. In writing workshop, we finished up our unit on true stories about ourselves and learned about list-making! You can encourage your child to make lists at home. Having trouble with an idea? Favorite foods, animals, or toys are a good place to start!

This Week in Math:

This week in math, we practiced using the language, "one more" and "one less." Roll a dice with your child and ask him/her to tell you what *one more* would be. Then, change the game to see if (s)he can tell you what *one less* would be.

This Week in Science:

This week in science, we explored pumpkins and did many hands-on activities with them! We used the seeds to make "one less," we felt the inside and wrote about it, and we compared the sizes of two pumpkins. We also learned about the importance of bees in helping plants like apples and pumpkins grow!



Important Dates:

- 10/28 Fundraiser orders due
- 11/3 Make-up NASA night
- 11/4 Make-up Grandparents Day



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 for important information about schedule changes and other announcements.
- If anyone is interested:** We will gladly accept any donations for our prize box/creation station! Prize box items can be: stickers, pencils, erasers, plastic jewelry, small toys (dollar store items are great). Creation station items can be anything craft-related: construction paper, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, etc. **THANK YOU!!!**



Home Talk:

What was the best part of today's field trip at Sesqui? Encourage your child to give you some details. We will be reflecting on and writing about our trip on Monday! You might prompt with these questions: What was the mystery smell? The magic smelling potion? What wild animal were you? What scaly animal did you see in the woods? What colors did you see in nature?



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: **Carter Van Vooren**



- 10/10 Carter Van Vooren
- 10/14 Mrs. McKenna
- 10/15 Ayden Cook
- 10/15 Mallory Heaberlin

