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 November 1, 2013

 Look at what we’re studying

 Wow! It has been another busy, but AWESOME week here in Kindergarten! We have been busy learning to use the word wall in our writings. Finding those sight words in a snap and SPELLING them correctly in our writings makes us strong writers. In reading we have learned about our CAFÉ strategies: comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and extending our vocabulary. The boys and girls are learning to use these words to set goals for reading daily AND to increase their understanding of reading. They have done a great job! In word study we have been talking about onsets and rimes (the phonemic awareness skills) in words. In math, we have been estimating, counting, and recording mathematical thinking on record sheets. In science we have been talking about our pumpkins and gourds. We have been comparing, measuring, and using our observation skills to describe and compare the pumpkins and gourds. We had a fire drill and survived a day of excitement as Trick or Treating awaited after school! Thank you to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Stagl for our yummy special snack yesterday! We have rice krispy treat pumpkins and Cheetos! YUM! Today is orange day! We will be visiting other K classes to read a story and complete a project in math, science, and language arts. Mrs. Henry will be coming in and observing Orange Day with us! Don’t forget to turn back your clocks this weekend! That extra hour of sleep will come in handy as we move forward towards Thanksgiving Break. Enjoy the weekend and thanks for all you do!

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Mark Your Calendar

**11/7** PTA Math Night 6:30 p.m.

**11/5** Skate Night 6-9 p.m.

**11/18** Bruster’s Night 5-8 p.m.

**11/20 & 11/21** Holiday luncheon

**11/25-29** Thanksgiving Break

\*Check out [www.starlingpta.org](http://www.starlingpta.org) for more information

Thank you to everyone who brought in snack last week. Snack for this week:

M- Cade, T- Jordan, W- Tuere, Th- Bella, F- Awn



Specials

11/4 Gym

11/5 Gym

11/6 Gym

\*Please remember to wear tennis shoes on Gym days.

11/7 Science

11/8 Science

We have a Student Teacher coming to our classroom once a week to work with our students at Math time. Mrs. Singh is a student at Shorter College and is complete her math practicum with us at Starling. Welcome Mrs. Singh!

AKS/Common Core Highlights

Math

 Write numerals from 0 to 20 and represent a number of objects with a written numeral 0 - 20 with 0 representing a count of no objects. Demonstrate the relationship between numbers and quantities to 20; connect counting to cardinality. CC.4\_b. Demonstrate that the last stated number tells the number of objects counted; the number of objects is the same regardless of their arrangement or the order in which they were counted. Demonstrate that each successive number name refers to a quantity that is one larger.

Language Arts

Ask and answer questions about key details in a text, with prompting and support.

Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text, with prompting and support.

Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text, with prompting and support.

Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text, with prompting and support.

Social Studies

Identify the purpose of Veteran's Day and describe the people or events celebrated.

Use words and phrases related to chronology and time to explain how things change in relation to Veteran's Day.

 We’d like to send a huge THANK YOU to all who contributed and/or came to assist with our ‘Orange you glad’ day activities. The students truly enjoyed it all! We are now working on the details for our upcoming Thanksgiving activities. Be on the lookout for additional information.