



# Mrs. Kiser's Kindergarten Newsletter

November 16th, 2007



## Thanksgiving

This week and next our theme is Thanksgiving and turkeys. I read Pilgrims First Thanksgiving. The students sequenced the events leading up to the first thanksgiving feast. They were able to color and read a rebus story about the first thanksgiving. I taught the kindergartners a silly chant called "A Turkey Named Bert". We will be reading several funny fictional thanksgiving books including: A Turkey for Thanksgiving, The Night Before Thanksgiving, and Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving. The students made a Shape O'Turkey at the Art Center. After reading Feeling Thankful, the students drew and wrote about who or what they are thankful for.

## Language Arts

This week I read Edward the Emu several times to the class. The students made predictions throughout this story about what Edward would do next and how he was feeling. The vocabulary words introduced in this book were **de-test**, **amusing**, **sarled**, and **content**. I also read the sequel to this book, Edwina the Emu.

The kindergartners were paired up with their **Reading Partner**. The partners are similar to each other in their reading development. These students read and talk about their books during Reader's Workshop. I have introduced the students to three ways they can read together: Chorus Reading, Echo Reading, and Taking Turns.

## Math

This week we continued to work on number recognition, focusing more on the teen numbers. Students wrote numbers on each others back and played "Guess the Number". We have been practicing counting to 100 by 10s. I taught the students how to play the "Monster Squeeze" game using the number line. This game incorporates the more than and less than clues to help the students "squeeze" the mystery number between the two monsters. At the Math Center the kindergartners played the Turkey Dice Roll game.

## Announcements

- **No School: November 21-23 — Thanksgiving Break & Nov. 30th — Teacher Workshop**
- We will be having a Kindergarten **Thanksgiving Feast** on Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 2:00. Please send your child's assigned item to school on Monday!
- Please send any **used postage stamps** to school. We are using them for a counting activity during calendar.
- The snow will be flying before we know it and with the **snow comes boots**, so please have your child practice tying their shoes. On the back I have included a little story to help your child remember the steps in tying their shoes. When your child knows how to tie their shoes, they can sign up on our "**Shoe Tying Club**".
- Since next week is a short week I will not be sending a newsletter. I hope your family has a **Happy Thanksgiving!** I am very **thankful for the students** I get to work with each day!

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