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Dear Families,

November 2018

Hello! Here's a look at what we've been up to this month! In Unit 2 of Reading, we met Oswald who loved to learn about odd animals. We learned the sound of O and how to properly write O and o. We had fun using our imaginations to draw a picture of our own made up, odd animal. In Unit 3, we met Golly the Dog. We learned about all of the things he likes to do during the day. We had a lot of fun making a scratch and sniff book too! Here, we learned the sound of G and how to properly write G and g. We also learned to identify words that end with G. We listened to a story called Gregory's Green Goggles and drew a picture of all of the characters in the story. In Unit 4, we met Alf. Alf loved going on adventures. We learned the sound of A and how to properly write A and a. We also had practice with words that have medial A. We are now onto Unit 5 and learning the sound of D. Our new friend is named Doc and her hobby is to fix and build toys. We will begin to blend sounds together to sound out words in this unit as well.

In religion, we learned the story of Noah's Ark and had fun pretending to be animals finding our way to the ark. We also painted a rainbow which we learned is God's promise that everything will be OK. We learned about St. Francis this month too and watched with delight as the donations for the animal shelter piled high in the classroom from our very generous St. Anne families. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this wonderful cause! We discussed how lucky we are to have people who love us and enjoyed reading a story called, "A Sandwich and a Note". We discussed who our community helpers are and named a few we see in our neighborhood. We also learned that Jesus is called "the Light of the World" and discussed what that means and each illustrated an example.

In chapter 2 of math, we learned to identify a cylinder, cone, sphere, cube and rectangular prism and which of those can roll, stack or slide. This may be confusing for some so practicing at home with real objects will help your child brush up on this skill. We also learned to identify a triangle, square, rectangle and circle. This week we will learn what a pattern is and have a lot of practice with it.

Topics we covered in our Weekly Readers were, fire safety, pumpkins, and autumn. We had fun reading the story, The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin and doing a fun experiment together called, "Exploding Pumpkin"! The kids loved it! Don't forget to check out the St. Anne's Facebook page to see pictures of all the fun stuff we do here in Kindergarten and throughout the grades!

In social studies we discussed and drew what our house and classroom looks like and drew a picture of each. We discussed how schools are alike and different and talked about different ways we can get to school. We also had some fun making clay models of different school items we talked about in this unit.

In language arts we are learning to identify the letters in the alphabet and how to properly write them. Other topics we covered in language arts were, nouns, identifying characters in a story and working with Site Words.

Important Dates and Reminders

November 1- \$1 dress down day

November 2- 12:15 dismissal

November 4- Set clocks back 1 hour!

November 15- \$1 dress down day

November 21- 12:15 dismissal

November 22&23- School Closed

Sincerely,
Mrs. Carrino