

THE SPOTTED SCOOP

November 2025

COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT REVIEWS

We have officially started Comprehensive Student Reviews! These are a wonderful opportunity to have a rich and in depth face to face conversation not only about your child but about your goals and expectations for them this year. This meeting is how we make absolutely sure that we are all on the same page and working together in the best interest of your child.

If you have not already scheduled a CSR for your child then please be sure to schedule one with me. It is my goal to meet with each and every family by the end of the month. If there are no times left which work well for you then please let me know and I am happy to schedule another time for you after school on a Monday or Tuesday.

FRIENDSHIP FEAST

In the month of November we will study the various versions of the classic folk tale - Stone Soup and then focus on a particularly warm version written by Heather Forest. We will then create a feast based around our own Stone Soup recipe. Please be on the look out for more details and a signup genius to supply the ingredients necessary for the yummy celebration of friendship and teamwork.

INVESTIGATING PUMPKINS

In October we investigated pumpkins! We learned about pumpkins through reading non-fiction books and magazines as well as by observing and measuring a real live pumpkin! Finally, we wondered about the inside of a pumpkin and cut it open to count it's seeds! We first counted ten seeds into each cup and then counted our cups by ten. Our pumpkin had exactly 602 seeds! Ask your child if they remember what 2 key factors predict lots of seeds in a pumpkin.



50TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Calling all dolls, greasers, cool cats, and rockabilly kids! Part of our math meeting each day includes counting the days of school with ones and tens. This daily routine gives children practice each day counting verbally, and building numbers with tens and ones which will lead into place value. One of the milestones we celebrate with this activity is the 50th day of school on **Friday, November 14th**. We will need someone to donate three 2-liters of root beer for root beer floats. This has been included in the Stone Soup sign up genius page. Please also prepare to send your young fiver to school dressed to do the hand jive by the soda bar in poodle skirts, leather jackets, patent leather saddle shoes, etc. This is typically a kindergarten only spirit wear day. See you then!



OCTOBER IN SPOTTED

- *Investigated a pumpkin through scientific observation and mathematic measurements with non-standard units of measurement.
 - *Followed directions make pumpkin art
- *Continued to work on identifying letters and reading their sounds through our Making Great Readers program.
 - *Practiced identifying, extending and creating AB and ABC patterns.
 - *Talked about counting by ones and tens.
 - *Tried out counting by tens as a whole group!
- *Practiced making observations with our 5 senses and recording those observations.
 - *Went on a 5 senses nature walk to study nature in autumn.
- *Participated in lots of large motor activities relating to Mother Goose
- *Started working on rotating through literacy centers for literacy workshop.

COMING UP!!!

- Evening CSRs - Thursday, November 6th
- Rollerama Party - Friday, November 7 1-4PM
- Parent Council Meeting - Monday, November 10 @CSA 6:00PM
- Smiles on Wheels Dental Assessments - November 19th -20th
- No School for PD - Monday, November 24th - Tuesday, November 25th
- No School for Thanksgiving - Wednesday, November 26th - Friday November 28th
- Last Day of Term I - Friday, December 5th
- Rehearsal for Christmas Concert - Monday, December 15th
- Holidays Around the World - Monday, December 15th
- Kindergarten Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 16th @ 2:00PM
- Report Cards Go Out - Wednesday, December 17th
- Classroom Christmas Party Decorating - Thursday, December 18th @3:45PM
- Christmas Party - Friday, December 20th
- No School for Christmas Break - Monday, December 22nd to Friday, January 2nd

Contact me by e-mail at ahyska@csaschool.org

DONATIONS NEEDED

Hello wonderful Spotted Families! We could use donations of the following items for our general classroom needs. We need

- clear packaging tape -
- I've got plenty of dispensers but I need the refill rolls please. :D
- dixie cups
- black sharpies

A HUGE THANK YOU!

The month of October asks so much of parents! There are so many events to come in for and things to be donated and spirit wear days to keep track of. I just want to say thank you for jumping in and helping out where you can! The Halloween was a spooky smash thanks to all of your support via donations, volunteering, helping to set up and decorate and help prepping crafts and centers. Thank you so much!



GETTING READY FOR WINTER RECESS

It's getting colder and colder with each passing day and before we know it we'll be bundled up to our eyeballs in winter weather gear! Problem is that winter weather gear can be downright vexing for young children. We can help them by teaching them a proper sequence and strategy for getting in and out of their snow pants, coats, boots, gloves, etc. as quickly and efficiently as possible. In school we sing the song "Snow pants, Boots, Coat, and Hat to the tune of Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes. We teach them to put their snow pants on very first because they can't fit their boots or coat on top of their snow pants very easily. We teach them to put their boots on next so their unprotected feet don't get stepped on by someone else's boots. Next comes their coat which they are taught to zip up immediately before they put their hat or scarf on. Finally, Gloves or mittens go on very last so they aren't trying to fasten any snaps or zippers with gloved hands. This sequence helps them to build confidence through allowing them to become more and more independent in dressing themselves for recess. It also helps our class to get out to recess quickly so that children get the most recess time possible. Please look for a winter sequencing strip in your child's Tuesday folder to practice with at home.



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- The weather is getting chillier. Please make sure your child has a warm winter coat for recess. We go outside each and every day unless it is actively raining (we will still go out if it is misty) or below zero with the wind chill. Our young fivers need the break outdoors to run and scream and yell and play with sticks and dirt and pinecones and be the young adventurers that they are. <3
- Every single thing you send to school needs to have your child's name on it unless you do not want it back. Each glove and mitten needs your child's name on it. Every sweater and jacket and even both the bottom and the lid of Tupperware. If you want it back then it needs to have your child's name on it. Our lost and found is over flowing and every Spotted student is convinced that the things in lost and found do not belong to them. Young children often do not recognize their own belongings so names really need to be on every single thing they bring to school.
- Please be sure to wash your child's rest time things over each weekend. Sometimes things spill on them in their backpacks and they can get quite dirty very quickly

LOOKING AHEAD

Just some spirit wear things that your child may need in the near future

-A Formal Christmas outfit for the day of the Christmas concert - No jeans, "ugly" style Christmas sweaters or over-the-top/large accessories such as reindeer antlers please. It's meant to be more of a "nice" or formal look for this day and I usually try to get good pictures of the kids in their formal Christmas outfits on this day. I also recommend a larger sweatshirt to go over the formal clothes while they eat and play.

-A more casual Christmas outfit with whatever festive accessories they like for the day of the Christmas party

-Sometimes we have a pajama day in December but that isn't official just yet.

-Looking way ahead to February we often have a dress up day for the 100th day of school in which kids can dress up like they are 100 years old or wear 100 items on a shirt or cape.

LOOK HOW CUTE YOUR KIDS ARE

Just some pictures of your kids to fill up the rest of this page. :D

