

The Bottlenose Beat

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November Learning Highlights

Science and Social Studies

- This month, we'll explore history topics including dinosaurs, the pilgrimage from Europe to the 'New World', Native American cultures, and life in the 1950s
- The notion of gratitude will be introduced as we discuss Thanksgiving traditions
- Describing different ways people learn about the past; reading historical fiction, watching educational clips, etc.
- Identifying the beginning, middle, and end of historical narratives and stories

Math

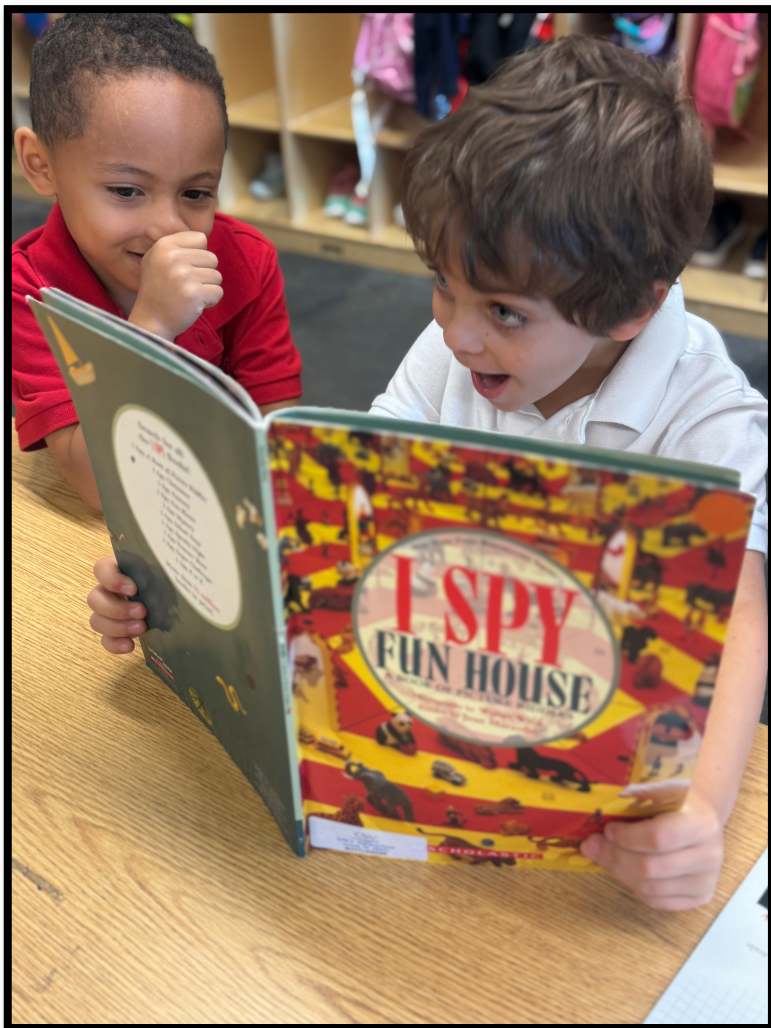
- Students will use various manipulatives to solve basic addition problems as they progress through Karate Math belts
- Identifying concepts of greater than, less than, and equal to
- Utilizing number bonds to compose and decompose numbers
- Building teen numbers with tens and ones

Reading Comprehension and Phonemic Awareness

- Recognize the differences between fiction and nonfiction text
- Practicing asking questions and visualizing imagery while listening to read alouds
- Acting out characters to deepen the understanding and making plans to discuss/teach new information learned
- Using familiar pictures and words to help others read on in buddy partnerships

Writers Workshop & Handwriting

- Our focus has shifted to writing true stories (personal narratives) from memory, using detailed illustrations and sounding out words with beginning, middle and end sounds
- We will bring our writing to life through the addition of dialogue, speech bubbles and action marks!
- Later this month we will be selecting a favorite piece to edit and fancy up for publication in our very first Author's Celebration. Look for this collection of stories to be shared in your child's Tuesday folder!



Tyler and Levi 'Buddy Read' during Literacy Workshop. This month our focus has been on making plans for our time together by taking turns talking and reading. Soon we will celebrate our reading success by sharing information with others!

Upcoming Important Dates

November 6th - Evening Comprehensive Student Reviews
November 10th - Parent Council Meeting at CSA, 6:00pm
November 14th - **1950s Spirit Wear Day** (kindergarten only)
November 19th - Friendship Soup Day
November 21st - **CSA Spirit Wear Day** (uniform bottoms)
November 24th - November 28th - No School for Students, Thanksgiving Break
December 1st - School Resumes
December 16th - Kindergarten Christmas Concert, 2:00pm in the gym
December 19th - Christmas Party (**Christmas Spirit Wear Day**)





Happy Halloween! A huge thank you to those who contributed their time and/or donations to help make our party so much fun!

50th Day of School 1950s Celebration

Part of our daily Morning Meeting routine includes counting how many days we've been in school. Doing so gives children the opportunity to practice counting aloud with one to one correspondence and building number sense with tens and ones which leads to place value familiarity. We will celebrate the 50th day of school on Friday, November 14th. Kindergarten students are encouraged to dress in 1950s-themed attire, such as leather jackets, poodle skirts, and patent leather saddle shoes.



Friendship Soup Day

On Wednesday November 19th, we will make and enjoy "Friendship Soup" together as a class. We will read the story Stone Soup, a folktale that teaches us the value of what we can accomplish when we work collaboratively and share! Each child will have the chance to add an ingredient to our vegetable-style soup and yes, there will be a stone! Any extra, non-perishable items will be saved for our annual canned food drive helping families in need. Look for the SignUpGenius link in your weekly email updates!

Dental Screenings

The State of Michigan requires all kindergarteners to have a dental screening on file. Screens will be taking place on November 19th and 20th for students that have not provided a copy of dental visits within the past 6 months. For more information about dental screening requirements, please visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/oralhealth/koha> or contact our local health department.

Class Calendar

Be sure to check your child's Tuesday folder for a printed copy of the Bottlenose monthly class calendar. This document contains all of the upcoming important dates (including birthdays, share days and special events) happening in November!

Proper Outerwear/Changing Weather

As our weather changes and temperatures drop, please make sure to send your student with the proper clothing to keep them warm in the building and dry during recess. With the importance of gross motor activity at this age, we will only stay inside if it is pouring rain or the RealFeel temperature drops below zero. CSA requires all students to wear a jacket, coat, or sweater if it is 55 degrees or cooler. Large, reusable shopping bags with handles can be used to store cold weather items and left in student's cubbies until the end of the week. Thank you for labeling all clothing and be sure to check the classroom Lost and Found bin for any missing items!

NOVEMBER CHARACTER CORNER

* respect * responsibility * optimism * work ethic * getting along * kindness *

PEACE ROSE

This month we will introduce the Peace Rose to our classroom. This concept, inspired by the Montessori curriculum, involves using a silk rose as a 'talking stick', allowing students to take turns sharing their feelings to resolve conflicts. As in every society, there are stretches of peaceful interactions followed by differences of opinions. Students quite often feel a full range of emotions throughout the day including the frustration that comes with not always getting their way.

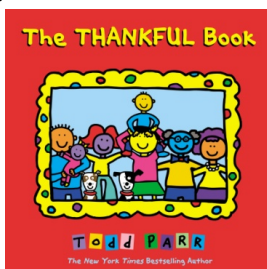
Using the Peace Rose, we will guide students to verbalize their disappointment and use their voice in an exchange that is both respectful and on topic. As children learn to identify their emotions and vocalize discontent, they learn to see similarities in their peers. Inner strength can begin to emerge when children experiment with compassion and open communication. Having the right tools to express your needs & feelings along with knowing how to listen to one another to reach a mutual solution is empowering. Talk with your child about how they might use words to solve problems when someone does something that makes them feel sad or angry.



GETTING ALONG

Getting along and expressing gratitude are two themes we will explore in the month of November. As we learn the history of the first Thanksgiving, we will discuss how the kindness shown by the Wompanoag tribe helped the Pilgrims survive their first harsh winter.

We will also read The Thankful Book by Todd Parr and talk about the many things we are grateful for.



OPTIMISM

Optimism means believing something good will happen. Throughout the month, we will read stories that better help us to understand what having an optimistic attitude looks like. We'll also begin to notice examples of others speaking optimistically. You can help with this sometimes tricky concept by having a chat with your child about the benefits of optimistic thinking!

