



ESL News from Mrs. Uhren's Classroom

Kindergarten Updates

The kindergarteners are growing so fast and acquiring new language everyday! This month, we spent two weeks learning about the names of all the body parts and what clothing we wear in different types of weather.

Next, was a lesson all about fall and signs of fall. We discussed all four seasons of a year and did a variety of different activities to try to distinguish which season was

which. We read a book called A Year Goes By, looked at pictures and tried to guess which season they went with, and colored a small picture of a tree in each season. We focused on the season of fall by reading Clifford's First Autumn and talked about how the leaves change colors. We read Why do Leaves Change Colors?, and made books about leaves changing their colors.

We also discussed same

and different and created our first Venn diagram to compare and contrast characters from our story.

Finally, we spent time on pronouns like he, she, you, and I. We learned when to use each pronoun in the place of a noun.

Some fun activities involved learning about right and left to do the HOKEY POKEY!!!

Reviewing letter sounds and numbers 4, 5, and 6.

Second Grade Updates

We started this month discussing where I live—the difference between our address and neighborhood and a city, state and country. We looked A LOT at maps and identified where we live on a map. They had to locate Illinois on a map of the US and the US on a map of the entire world.

We talked about why it is important to know our addresses and phone numbers and what to do if we

ever got lost like one of stories we read in class.

Next, we practiced writing an invitation and all the information that would need to go on an invitation. We even created our own invitation for an “imaginary party” we would like to have. After that, we practiced writing by addressing envelopes the proper way for each person in our class.

We also included lan-

guage of math by talking about the ones place, tens place and hundreds place in a number.

Finally, this week we created our own All About Me posters full of information about where we live, what we like, our families, etc...

We practiced our speaking skills by sharing our posters with each other. We talked about speaking slowly and clearly. They did a fabulous job!

This week was so much fun!!! We learned about two different holidays that people celebrate. First, we spent time discussing the Hindu holiday of Divali and even had a small Divali celebration with music, decorations, stories, and more. Then, we learned about the customs and traditions of Halloween and why people carve pumpkins, dress up, and go trick-or-treating.

