

# November News

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## November Learning Themes

**Authors and Illustrators** In honor of National Children's Book Week we will be looking at authors and illustrators. We will be learning about the Caldecott and Newberry awards, what authors and illustrators do, different writing genres, and how there can be different versions of the same story. If you would like to come in and read your favorite story from your childhood please let me know.

## November Dates to Remember

### Conferences

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> -  
Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

### Farmer Nelson

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

### Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

### Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
-Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>

## Looking to December

### Winter Break

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
-Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

## Housekeeping

**Letter of the Week** This month we will be looking at letters A, B, and K. The children have had fun identifying the sound (or sounds) the letter makes, visual recognition of capital and lower case, and identifying words that begin or end with the letter we are working on.

**Conferences** I will be offering optional conferences during the day on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> and after school Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up will be posted above the children's bins.

**Sign In** This month I will be assisting the children with sign in. We will be working on containing our name within a given space, writing from top to bottom, writing on the line, and using lower case letters.

**Snack and Sharing** Thank you for all of the fabulous snacks that have come in. It is great for the children to have the variety. We are learning that some foods we thought we didn't like we do! Sharing is going very well also. I hear the kids getting excited about what they are going to teach us. Thank you to parents for taking the extra time to prepare them for this exercise.

**Outside Time** We go outside every day unless it is raining. Please remember to send hats and mittens with your child. Even though it is not that cold little hands and ears get chilly. We are working on getting ourselves ready to go out. I ask that the children try 3 times to zip, get mittens on, etc. before they ask a friend or me for help. They are learning great independence and cooperation skills when we get ready to go outside!

**Thank You!** Thank you to those who have brought in food donations for our grocery store.

**Charlie Brown Thanksgiving** On Wednesday, November 16th we will be celebrating a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving. Each child will be assigned an item to contribute to the feast. Assignments will be given the week before the event. Volunteers will be necessary for this event. If you are interested please let me know.

As always, if you need to speak with me you can reach me either at school or at home.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!