



# Bear News

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Mrs. Burkett's and Mrs. Wobser's Weekly Newsletter

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October 26-30, 2009

## Here's what we are learning:

We learned about the short "e" vowel sound. You hear that sound in words like "elephant" and "hen".

We learned about story elements. The characters are who or what the story is about. The plot is what happens in the story.

We learned about the main idea of a story or picture.

We worked on context clues. That is using information in sentences and in pictures to determine the meaning of an unknown word.

In grammar, we are learning about irregular plural nouns. Those are words like geese, feet, men, and mice.

We are using a hundreds chart to count forwards and backwards.

We practiced counting to 100 by 1s, 2s, and 5s.

We practiced counting to 200 by 10s.

We practiced counting backwards from 20-0.

We are telling time to the hour.

We practiced stating numbers that were one more or one less than a given number.

We are learning about pennies and nickels. We need to be able to identify the coin, state its value and count a group of coins consisting of pennies, nickels, and a combination of nickels and pennies.

We practiced weighing objects and predicting which items in the classroom would weigh more or less than the selected item.

We sorted "Dem Bones" candy pieces and made a bar graph showing the number of different bone candies we had.

We reviewed circumference (girth) as we measured our pumpkins.

We used non-standard units of measurements (Tootsie Rolls) to measure line segments.

We practiced reading a pictograph.  
We are learning about living and non-living in science.  
In social studies we are concluding our unit on the national holidays and Christopher Columbus.

Reported by: The Students

**Special Events this week were:**

1. We had "Pumpkin Math Day" on Wednesday.
2. We had "Halloween Math Day" on Friday.
3. We had our fall celebration on Friday.

**Special Events coming next week are:**

1. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in the morning.
3. The end of the first grading period is Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. We will celebrate Nathan's pretend birthday on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. His real birthday is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Nathan is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.

**Please Note:** We have noticed that many of the students are running low on their school supplies, especially pencils. Please check with your child to see what needs to be replenished. Thank you.

**Thank you:** A big thank you to everyone who donated items to our fall celebrations. Thanks for helping to make them special for the students. We truly appreciated your assistance.

