

READING: During the week we worked with two books. In the booklet A Firefighter the students practiced the sight words I, see and A. When your child reads with you have them touch under the words as they read moving in a left to right direction. They have also been working on recognizing the difference between a letter and a word. Have them show you a letter and then show you a word. We have also talked about periods, question marks and exclamation marks so point them out whenever you notice them and talk about what they are and why we use them. The Letter Nn booklet is nice for reviewing the letter for the week.

MATH: During the math lessons this week we worked on the number line. They practiced locating specific numbers on the number line and then identified which numbers came before, after or between given numbers. Here are some of the games we played with the number line this week. Missing number is where we placed magnetic numbers in the correct order on the board. Then they closed their eyes and we removed some of the numbers. The students had to decide what was missing and explain how they knew that by using the vocabulary before, after and between. One of the songs we sang went like this:

Tune: Pop Goes the Weasel

Up and down the number line the numbers are in order
Find _____ and look on each side, what are the others?

A large yardstick or ruler would work nicely for practice, locate a number, sing the song and they answer the question. You could also use magnetic numbers on the refrigerator for number order, before, after, between or missing number practice. If your child is doing well with this skill use larger numbers or don't start at the number one, for example give them 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 mixed up. They have to put them in order and then answer the questions.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: A huge thank you to all the firemen who took time out of their busy schedule to visit us at the school. They showed the children the fire trucks, let them spray the hose, talked about fire safety, had lunch with them and gave them books, pencils and stickers. We loved it and had a really good time. Thanks again for helping us teach the students about fire safety.

TARDIES: Having raised four children and working full time I totally understand how mornings can get off to a late start. That being said I wanted to stress the importance of having your child to school on time. While it may not seem like a big deal our learning begins as soon as they arrive. Since we are also having breakfast at school if they are late they are just that much further behind. One other important thing I want to share so you are aware, 10 tardy marks becomes 1 absence on the report card. Thanks for working toward getting your child to school at the correct time.

BOOK FAIR: During parent teacher conference there will be an opportunity to purchase books at the book fair sponsored by the Montague PTO. Therefore I will not be sending a book order from the class this month.

FIELD TRIP: Please remember we have our field trip to Weesies on Tuesday, October 18 and I will need all the permission slips by Monday. If you are planning on going you will need to meet us there and also pay the \$2.00 admission fee. We should arrive at Weesies at 1:00 in the afternoon.

