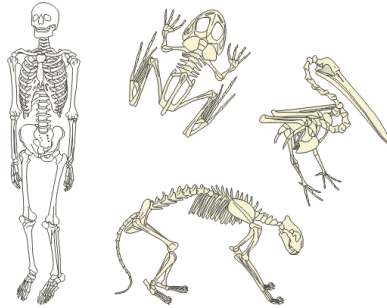


# Mrs. Lagowski's Newsletter

## October 2011



We have been busy learning about the Lifecycle of the Monarch butterfly. I am happy to say that we did get to observe one caterpillar change from a caterpillar-chrysalis-butterfly! This process took a little longer than we expected but we were happy to release our butterfly on 10/7. Hopefully she made it to Mexico!

The last 2 weeks of October we will be learning about skeletons and bones! We will turn our dramatic play area in the classroom into a hospital/doctors office. If you have any items you can send in (latex free gloves, scrubs, posters, band aids, masks, x-rays, etc.) that would be wonderful! The class will practice taking care of their friends if they are sick.

The first week of November we will begin a theme on Native Americans. This will be a month long theme. Remember I will not be in school the November 9-16. Mrs. Denise Leary will be the substitute teacher. She is WONDERFUL and I have 100% confidence in her teaching and classroom management.

**Letters and Sounds**- We will continue to work on identifying letters and matching them with their corresponding sound. When we work on each letter our focus is on the correct sound each letter makes, identifying words that begin with each letter sound, and writing the letters using the correct formation (both uppercase and lowercase). We are working on writing our names using the appropriate case letters! This is something you can help your child with at home!

**Math**- We have been working on the concept of left and right. We will continue to reinforce this concept throughout the school year. One way you can help your child remember right and left is to make an "L" with their finger using their thumb and pointer finger.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**- We have Library on Monday. Library books can be brought back to school on or *before* Monday! If your child does not bring their library book back they are unable to choose a new book!

**COATS AND ZIPPERS**- As the colder weather approaches I encourage you to send in hats and gloves for your child. Please try to label these so I can ensure they get back to the appropriate owner! Also- please continue to work with your child at home on zipping their own coat! Some children in the class can already do this independently!

**October 17-21** is Bully Prevention week! During the week Mrs. Reinisch (school counselor) will be doing activities with the children to raise awareness about bullying. To show our support for a kinder, friendlier and safer school we are asking children to wear a specific color to school each day of the week. The colors are noted below:

**Monday:** Wear **YELLOW** for "treat others as you would like to be treated"

**Tuesday:** Wear **BLUE** to promote loyalty, kindness, and being a "true blue" friend

**Wednesday:** Wear **RED** to show your awareness that it's okay to be angry but....words are not for hurting and hands are not for hitting

**Thursday:** Wear **WHITE** for peaceful friendships and problem solving

**Friday:** Wear **GREEN** to show pride in making our school, community, and country a safer place

### Sharing Themes for the end of October and November

**NOTE** on 11/10 I will send home a paper for children to bring back next week on their sharing day! Something they are "Thankful" for.

10/17 Bones and Skeletons

10/24 Bones and Skeletons

10/31 Native Americans

11/7 No Sharing

11/14 Thankful paper

11/21 No SHARING

11/30 Numbers

### Dates to remember:

10/24-30- PTA Fall Book Fair

10/28- Halloween Parade (1:15pm) and Monster Mash (night)

11/2- K-2 Bowling Party

11/9-11/16- I will be not be in school- Mrs. Leary will be the substitute teacher

11/11- Veterans Day **NO SCHOOL**

11/14- Bring your parent to school day. I have to look into possibly doing this on another day since I will not be in school.... I will let you know!

11/15 Picture retake day

11/23- The Scotia Glenville Children's Museum will come into the classroom to present They Lived Along the Mohawk.

11/24-25- No school. Thanksgiving Recess

#### Fun Facts about bones....

- Babies are born with more than 300 bones in their body. As we grow into adults, some of the bones grow together - an adult skeleton has 206 bones.
- The smallest bone is in the ear. It is called the stirrup bone and is the size of half a grain of rice
- The biggest bone is in the leg. It is called the femur or thighbone.
- The strongest bone in the skeleton is the jawbone.
- Over half the bones in the skeleton are found in the hands and feet. The hand alone has 27 bones - in each one.

Thank you! ☺

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