

# Mrs. Tosch's Newsletter

## October 18, 2018

### We Are Learning

Next week our focus will be:

Topic—Fall and a few more *Halloween Activities*—

Letter—**Bb and Pp** (recognizing it, its sound, and correctly writing it)

Words—black, go, so, no

Math—counting to 50 and the idea of greater than, less than, and equal

Patterning—ABBABB patterns

Reading—recognizing **all** the letters of the alphabet, beginning and ending sounds, and blending sounds together

Nursery Rhyme—Little Miss Muffet—an activity **is on the back**.

### E-Learning Day

Thursday will be an E-Learning Day. It is a day for online learning at home. Teachers will be holding conferences at school. Work will be posted on the Portage Township Website: <http://www.portage.k12.in.us/>. You will need your child's login information **only** for Reading Eggs and Math Seeds. You will use the **exact same** login for both of these programs. You will never have to pay to use a website. If it is asking you to, please go back and access it through the Portage Township Website. Depending on your device, the programs may be limited.

### Mystery Box

Soon we will begin sharing a Mystery Box that will come home with each child one time. The directions for it are on the inside cover of the box. It is a great thinking and writing activity to do with your child, and a good listening activity for the rest of us. Please have your child **return it** with their "mystery" and clues **the next day**. The children really enjoy this activity and can't wait to have their turn.

### Important Dates

Oct. 19 Teachers' Records Day—NO SCHOOL for students

Oct. 24 (4:30-7:00) Parent/Teacher conferences

Oct. 25 (8:00-3:00) E-Learning and Parent/Teacher conferences

Oct. 26-Oct. 29 Fall Break—NO SCHOOL

Oct. 31 Halloween Party

### Reminders

-- *Halloween costumes* need to be brought to school in a bag and cannot depict violence. We will slide them on over our regular school clothes. We will not be able to apply make-up or hair spray.

-- If you would like to send treats in for the Halloween party, please make sure it follows the health guidelines for Portage Township Schools. Any candy or sweets sent in will be sent back home with your child. We are not allowed to have those items at our parties.

-- **Library is every WEDNESDAY.** Please have your child bring their library books on library day.

--Please turn in Homework Calendars as soon *as you finish them or by the end of the month*. I do have extras if yours is lost. I am keeping track of these for their homework grade on their report card.

### Home Practice Ideas For October

--Please *read with and to* your child *everyday*.

--Practice recognizing and saying **all** the letters of the alphabet.

--Count, count, count

--Help your child find letters and numbers *everywhere*.

--Practice writing numbers and letters in a tray of sand or cornmeal, pudding or shaving cream on a table, or with sidewalk chalk, or a stick in the dirt outside.

--With your child, use crayons, scissors, playdoh, and sidewalk chalk to develop small muscles in their hands.

--Recite nursery rhymes together.

--Work on the monthly homework calendar.