We are definitely getting excited for Halloween! This week we did many Halloween math and science activities.

**Reminders, Requests and Thank you**

**Progress Reports home**- Progress reports will be coming home on Thursday, Nov. 2. Please return the bottom portion and the envelope.

**Interview Night**  - Parent/Teacher interview night will be on Thursday Nov. 9, starting at 4:00. Please look for information regarding booking interview times in the progress report envelop.

**Outdoor Wear-** Please have your child dress for the changing weather conditions. Wearing layers at this time of year is a great idea as they can add and remove clothing as needed. Please remind your child of the importance of leaving on warmer layers in the cooler mornings.

**Home Leaning Suggestion Calendar -**  The November calendar will be coming early home next week. Please watch for it. We also had our first WWW Quiz.

**Daily Reading –** Please read to and with your child daily. Discuss the story and pictures with them, have them predict what they think will happen next, have them find word wall words they know. Help them sound out unknown words and look for clues in the picture or little words inside the bigger word that can help them. If your child is reading confidently, ask them questions to ensure their understanding. Start challenging your child to read early chapter books if they are ready.

**Here are some of the things we worked on this week:**

**Language –**  We read and discussed some Halloween books and we made many great predictions and connections, both personal connections and text to text connections, while reading these book and had some great discussions. We practiced our word wall words and worked on writing super sentences. We made observations and wrote about our class pumpkins. We continue to use the whiteboards to practice proper letter formation and have been working on stretching out small words trying to include the vowel sound.

**Math –**  This week we did some Halloween graphing, addition, number recognition and place value work. We used patterns in the hundred chart and greater than, less than and place value clues to guess mystery numbers. We estimated and revised our estimates for the number of seeds in our pumpkins. Next week we will count our seeds. We also started talking about patterns and where we see them around us. We will continue to discuss various kinds of patterns, AB, AAB, ABB.

**Science –** We observed and made predictions and observations about our pumpkins. We have also started our unit on structures and everyday materials. They are learning about fasteners (items used to hold different materials together).

**The Arts -**  This week we created a beautiful Fall scene. We painted a foreground and background to start, then created trees and with warm Fall colours painted on leaves.

**Physical Education and Health** – We are engaging in daily physical activity in the classroom and in the gym. This week we played cooperative games and practiced some early volleyball skills. We also have special instruction on how to curl.