* Please remember to check the GREEN ALLIGATOR folder daily and return it to school. Remove anything in the “Keep at Home” side and check the “Return to School” side for important notes/info.
* Homework is sent home at the beginning of the month. It is optional to do. It reviews all the concepts that we are working on in class. Keep the packet at home until it is completed and send it back to school at the end of the month.
* We will be tracking-out this coming Tuesday, November 9! We will be changing classrooms this track-out, so when students return on December 7 they will be going to room 210. I will send home a track-out packet of things students can work on over track-out (this is optional but strongly encouraged).
* In the month of December we do a Unit with the gingerbread stories. One of our activities coming up the week of December 14 is building a gingerbread house in math class. We will be building our gingerbread houses on December 17. For this activity there is a list of supplies and volunteers that are needed to do this fun activity with the class. If you could donate any of the following supplies or help with this activity it would be greatly appreciated! The link to the signup genus for this activity is below! [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044FACA92CA2FA7-gingerbread1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044FACA92CA2FA7-gingerbread1)
* Book orders were placed on Friday, October 30. Orders if you visit [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), our “book club” class code is: N8ZZF.
* 11/10 – Track-Out Day
* 12/7 – Track-In Day

# Important Dates

**Literacy:** Our Guided Reading groups are up and running and going pretty well! Students will continue to work on developing independence during Literacy centers. This week we will be reviewing the literacy skills we have been learning about so far this quarter (asking and answering questions when reading, using the five finger rules for fiction and non - fiction text, and comparing and contrasting facts in non – fiction text) by using fall and Thanksgiving themed materials.

**Phonics:** We are continuing the next section of our Letter Land phonics program. We are focusing on a letter a day and doing different activities to help the students remember the letter and the sound it makes. We will also practice identifying the difference between letters and words. The children will participate in a sorting activity using letters, words, and sentences.

**Sight Words:** I, at, is, to like, me, the, it, am, and, went, a, come, in, here, go, see, my, you, look, up, said, we, on, can, play, an, got, for, with, one, his, she, have, no. **New Words: no new words this week. Keep practicing the words we have.**

**Writing:** We are working on making the students more confident in their writing and to enjoy writing. We are working on sentence starters and making sentences before going into small moments. We will work on adding details in our sentences as we are writing. I have a few fun writing activities planned this week to go along with Thanksgiving. We will continue to work hard on “Being a Smartie Speller” while we write. Our Kindergartners are really working hard on applying their letter/sound knowledge to the writing of words and sentences.

**Math:** Every morning we work on calendar concepts during our morning meeting. In Math class we will continue practicing counting by ones and tens using a hundreds chart. During centers this week, students will be working on teen numbers. We are also learning about tens and ones and how they make up a number. As we continue working in small groups during centers, students will practice staying on task, using a quiet voice, and working cooperatively with others.

**Handwriting:** We will practice writing lowercase letters formed in similar ways.

**Social Studies :** This week we will be talking about Thanksgiving, since we will be tracked-out over the holiday. We will talking about how different cultures celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be talking about what Thanksgiving is and why we celebrate it. We will also talk about the pilgrims and their journey here on the Mayflower.

# Reminders/Further Information

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art

Wednesday: No School

Thursday: Tracked-Out

Friday: Tracked-Out

# Specials

# Curriculum News

Ms. Dodson’s Classroom Newsletter

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