



The Jones Journal

November 7, 2024



Dax works on sight words using QR codes in writing center.

THE PAST TWO WEEKS...

...we have been focusing on rhyming words. We have read tons of big books during Shared Reading to practice this skill. Children's ability to hear rhymes (knowing that *cat* rhymes with *hat*, but not with *bag*) is an essential skill for learning to read because it means that they can discern the differences among individual sounds (or phonemes). Playing with rhymes trains their ears to hear the differences and similarities in how words sound. To help with mastering this skill at home, parents can...

1. find lots opportunities to sing to and with your child
2. seek out high-quality rhyming books
3. combine rhyming and rhythmic clapping or movements
4. encourage word play using poems, rhymes, or songs

FYI

*Our Winter Program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18. During this program the children sing songs and perform routines that involve things they have learned in music. The program starts at 1:00 and will last approximately 30 minutes. Make sure to bring your camera and other family members if they are in town for the holidays! Our music teacher, Mr. Rowser, will be communicating more information, including attire.

*I was sent this video ([Media Balance Is Important](#)) for a PD session and thought it was worth sharing. It's geared towards young children but thought parents could use a fun reminder also.

*If you missed paying for a meal for the Thanksgiving Luncheon taking place November 19, do not worry! Everyone is welcome to attend no matter if you ordered a lunch or not! Feel free to bring a lunch from home (please no takeout food) or just come socialize with us and other families.

NEEDED

We need gallon-sized plastic jugs (e.g., gallon milk containers) for an activity we will be doing later next month.

PARENT READING

This week's reading is an article titled [When parents are on their phones a lot, here's what happens to their kids](#). I came across it a few weeks ago and thought it was too great not to share with you! Click on the title (above) to read.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 8 – Veterans Day Parade @ 9:30
 11 – ACS Holiday (No school)
 18-22 – Book Fair
 19 – K Thanksgiving Luncheon @ 11:30
 22 – S. Jones absent
 27-29 – Thanksgiving Holidays

ONE LAST THING

The [RES Fall Book Fair](#) will be held in the library November 18-22. You can shop with your child any time Monday-Thursday 8:00-2:30 and/or Friday 8:00-12:00. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up for a spot by clicking the picture to the right.



Hope everyone has a wonderful 3-day weekend!!! -S. Jones