



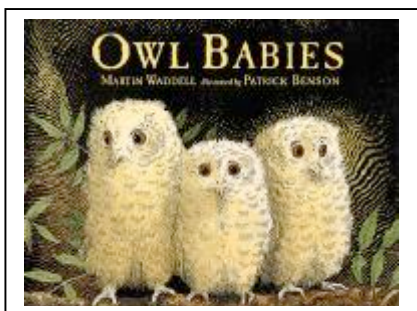
PRESCHOOL NEWS

November
2010

Mrs. Houldsworth's Class

IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 5th - PTA Meeting at 6:30
- Nov. 2nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school)
- Nov. 11th - No School Veteran's Day
- Nov. 19th - Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 24th -26th - No school Thanksgiving Holiday



Themes This Month

Last month we visited the land of Nursery Rhymes. It was fun to create Little Boy Blue and his haystack and Little Miss Muffet's spider. We also had a visit from the Hopkinton Fire Fighters, and viewed the fire trucks.

This month our color is brown and our shape is a triangle. We will learn about forest animals such as owls, bears, moose and turkeys. We will read the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Eric Carle and make our own "Who do you see?" class book.

At the end of the month, as Thanksgiving approaches, we will create turkeys using clay and feathers.

Happy Thanksgiving!

REMINDERS

- We have three more **Fridays** for popcorn day. If your child would like to purchase popcorn the cost is 50¢

What is Morning Meeting?

There is a wonderful beginning to your child's school day. It's called Morning Meeting and it's a great way to build community, set a positive tone, increase excitement about the day, and improve academic and social skills.

Morning Meeting usually takes between fifteen to twenty minutes. First each morning the students sit in a circle. We begin with the Pledge and then count how many students are in our circle. We talk about who is missing and why they might not be at school.

Next we greet each other in some way. It can be a song, a "high five" or a handshake. This helps children learn names and provides a sense of recognition and belonging.

In the beginning of the year we would next spend some time on Guided Discovery." This is when new items or activities are introduced and students may each have a chance to practice. For example when the scissors are introduced each student would practice with them.

Lastly, choices for the day are posted and students can begin their day by making a choice of where to begin. This begins the day with a focus.

Morning Meeting helps children feel united as a group, review skills and most of all merge social, emotional and intellectual learning.

You may read more in [The Morning Meeting Book](#) by Roxann Kriete.

Vocabulary This Month

We will be working on new vocabulary words each month. This month we will be using words that pertain to forest animals. Please take any opportunity that you can to talk about and use the following words at home.

Forest, shelter, hibernate, nocturnal, hooves/paws, tracks, fur/feathers/hides, talons/claws, antlers, specific animal names and offspring names.

We will talk about how these animals are similar and different.