

# Warner Newswire

## November 2009

### Classroom News:

Veteran's Day Activities: Miss Wostbrock made this holiday a memorable event for the children by showing an age appropriate video. She read The Wall about the Vietnam Memorial site and gave them a choice of working on patriotic worksheets or writing a letter of appreciation to the troops.

Monday Homework Folders: Please review the contents of the folder on Monday night. Even though nightly reading is the only official homework at this point in the year, occasionally I will add something else, like handwriting or Foundations spelling words. I strongly suggest, too, that you do the activities recommended in the Foundations Unit handout. Because I am working on those same phonetic spelling rules in school, your home support will help to reinforce their learning. Thank you.

### Curriculum Highlights:

Guided Reading Groups: We continue to use a mixture of phonetically controlled and leveled trade books as texts for reading groups. After reading group they read their independent books or Big Books, record rhyming words, or do a phonetic word activity.

Math: In the new *Solving Story Problems* unit the children are working on adding and subtracting whole numbers, finding combinations of two addends for a number up to 15, and developing strategies for solving word problems.

Science: Miss Wostbrock completed the *Solids, Liquids, and Gases* unit. They loved the experiments and were exposed to the scientific vocabulary that describes the properties of liquids. They will study fish next.

Writing: The children are finishing their personal narrative stories now and will be deciding which one to "publish".

Social Studies: We are studying communities and recognizing the differences between Sudbury and Boston. It requires the children to notice what services are common to any community and how the setting causes services to be delivered.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!