

October Summary

Cherokee Enrichment

Kindergarten: We read, “Dear Zoo.” This was a funny story about writing to the zoo and requesting a pet. We had fun writing our own letters to the zoo and requesting a pet, and then giving a reason why we couldn’t keep him. (They sent me an otter, I sent him back...he was too splashy! They sent me a turkey, I sent him back, he was too gobbly!

We also read a fun Halloween story and we made a counting Halloween booklet.

We had a challenging time working with Shape Manipulatives, patterns, and we played a new dice game, and card games.

First Grade LA: Stories we’ve been working on: “Tikki Tikki Tembo,” “The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig,” “Baby Rattlesnake,” and “Porkenstein.” We enjoyed all of these and all of the new vocabulary words we learned with them. Some of these words were: isolated, disbelief, colossal, council, elders, prowling, persevere, and extremely. We also enjoyed comparing and contrasting the story, “The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig,” with the more well-known story, “The Three Little Pigs.”

First Grade Math: We’ve worked on the strategy “Make a Table.” We’ve also worked on story problems, adding and subtracting double digit numbers, patterns, place value, money, and logic problems.

Second Grade LA: We continue to work on Analogies and new vocabulary words. One great story was a non-fiction story about service animals. We learned about a dog named Shyla who lived with a family before he went off for special training to learn how to work with a visually impaired person. We also learned that there are other animals such as monkeys and dolphins that can help people too. We celebrated the fall season while reading “Picnic at Mudsock Meadow.” We talked about the author of that book, Patricia Polacco. We worked on a booklet that had a

summary of another Patricia Polacco book: “Just Plain Fancy.” This story introduced us to the Amish way of life. It led to some great discussions about people and how they live.

Second Grade Math: We’ve been working on the Problem solving strategy: “Guess and Check,” and “Draw a Picture.” We’re working on story problems where we spend time explaining our thinking. We’ve been learning a new math game called: Niktu and many math Logic problems.

Third Grade LA: We started a novel study in Third Grade Enrichment. The book we’ve been reading is “The Landry News,” by Andrew Clements. First we found out a little background about Andrew Clements. We were surprised to hear that most of his writing is done in a small little work shed that he has set up in his back yard. The work shed has no TV, phone, or computer. This lets Mr. Clements completely concentrate on his writings. We really enjoyed his book about a girl named Cara, and her teacher, Mr. Larson. We’ve also learned a lot about newspapers and just how much work putting them together they are!

Third Grade Math: We’ve covered two Problem-solving strategies. One was “use logical thinking,” and, “make an organized list.” Both of these strategies have been fun to work on. We are getting better and better at “showing our thinking,” and explaining how we get an answer. We’ve been working on Pictographs and interpreting graphs. We’ve been brushing up on double and triple digit subtraction!