Joan Snow Parent Newsletter

November 2026

What We Are Learning

3K

Start Date: October 21, 2026
End Date: December 7, 2026
Students will:

- Identify different types of pets and recognize their unique characteristics.
- Learn what pets need to live and stay healthy, including food, water, shelter, exercise, grooming, and love.
- Explore where pets live and the different supplies and environments they need.
- Build vocabulary and communication skills by talking about pets, asking questions, describing observations, and sharing experiences.

Activities to do at Home:

- Pet Sounds & Movements - Take turns making animal sounds and movements. Ask, “What animal am I?” Then encourage your child to imitate the animal.
- Count the Pets - Use stuffed animals, toy animals, or pictures of pets. Count them together, sort them by type, and compare: “Which group has more? Which has fewer?”

4K

Start Date: November 20, 2026
End Date: December 18, 2026
Students will:

- Develop Math Skills: Count blocks, compare heights, measure structures, and create patterns.
- Explore Science & Engineering: Investigate balance, gravity, stability, and how structures are built.
- Express Creativity: Use imagination to design buildings, bridges, towers, and roads.
- Build Language Skills: Learn new words such as tower, bridge, balance, tall, short, wide, and foundation.
- Develop Social Skills: Work together, share materials, exchange ideas, and cooperate with friends.

Activities to do at Home:

- Build a Tower: Use blocks, LEGOs, or plastic cups to build the tallest tower. Count how many pieces you used!
- Create a Bridge: Build a bridge for toy cars or animals. Can your bridge hold the toys?
- Build Your Home: Use blocks or empty cardboard boxes to create a model of your home. Talk about the different rooms.

Initiatives

MindUP - Mindful Me in the World! Children will explore how their thoughts, feelings, and actions affect the people around them. Through mindfulness activities, stories, discussions, and hands-on experiences, children will learn the importance of gratitude, empathy, and understanding different perspectives.

Wellness Wednesdays - This month, we are focusing on **Gratitude**! We are helping children understand what it means to be thankful and appreciate the people, experiences, and little things that make our lives special. Through classroom discussions, stories, mindfulness activities, and everyday acts of kindness, children will learn to recognize and express gratitude.

Important Reminders

November 3rd - Election Day - Remote Day
November 5th - Half day Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conference
November 11th - Schools Closed - Veteran’s Day
November 16th - Half Day Dismissal
November 25th - International Feast
November 26th - 27th - Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Dates & Events

December 23rd - Winter Wonderland
December 24th - January 1, 2027 - Schools Closed - Winter Recess
January 4th - Return back to School