

# BCSKINDERGARTEN

November 7, 2014

Left: Students measuring how tall their pumpkin is  
Middle: Students learning a new math/subtraction game (Boo Bump)  
Right: Our class goal to raise money to help save the pandas



## Pumpkins and Apples

During the last two weeks students have been learning about the five senses through our pumpkin and apple activities. During last Wednesday's centers, students were split into four groups, each with a pumpkin. In our little pumpkin science books, we recorded our guesses for the pumpkins' weight, circumference, and buoyancy. After we took our measurements, we wrote down the actual data. The next day, we cut open one of the pumpkins and students got to practice touch, smell, hear, and see. Also in our pumpkin science books, we reflected on how a pumpkin looks, smells, feels, and sounds. Since we were not able to taste it in class, feel free to have your child sample a pumpkin flavored food item.

During math centers this Wednesday students learned to sort apples by color, learn the concept of a bar graph, and graph the data. Then, students wrote about the apples in their five senses apple book. We also cut an apple in half and students learned the scientific names of the parts of an apple and labeled their apple picture (skin, flesh, core, seeds).

Students also learned about the life cycle of pumpkins and apples.

## A Few Reminders:

**November 10th:** Last day to place Scholastic book orders by 3 p.m.

**November 11th:** No School due to Veteran's Day

The Kindergarten Team is planning to send the first homework packet home during the Thanksgiving break

**Pandas & Global Citizenship**  
Students learned the following things about pandas:

- colors, why they have fur, diet, where they live, how many babies they have, what endangered vs. extinct means, why they are going extinct, and what they can do to save them (raise money to help pandas since it's not possible to go to China as a class—WWF)
- Students decided as a class to raise \$100 through doing chores for their parents. If your child would like to participate, please feel free to have them bring in their coins/bills to turn into our jar

## Language Arts:

- Leveled readers
- practicing story retell
- learning what makes a book fiction and non-fiction
- writing lowercase letters
- sight words
- Weekend Journal writing

## Math:

- addition & subtraction
- AB, AABB, ABC patterns
- ten frames (My Pumpkin Seed: A counting story)
- counting by 5's and 10's
- graphing (bar graph)