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McKinney Community

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm' (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Dear families,

We had another wonderful week at McKinney. Our cross-country team had a great time at the district fun run at Garry Point. The weather was great, and a good time was had by all. It was a challenging, fun course and our students did great! We want to thank all the parents for driving and cheering on the team!

This coming week we are excited to have our Pumpkin Patch. We hope the weather will be cooperative, but please dress accordingly on Monday.

We also welcome students to dress up on Thursday for Halloween! Please remember that it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (black face/brown face)
- CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)
- GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons)

Costumes should also not involve face masks or replica/toy weapons. Thank you so much for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing all the fun costumes.

Finally, we want to wish all those who are celebrating, a very joyful and peaceful Diwali!

Have a great weekend,

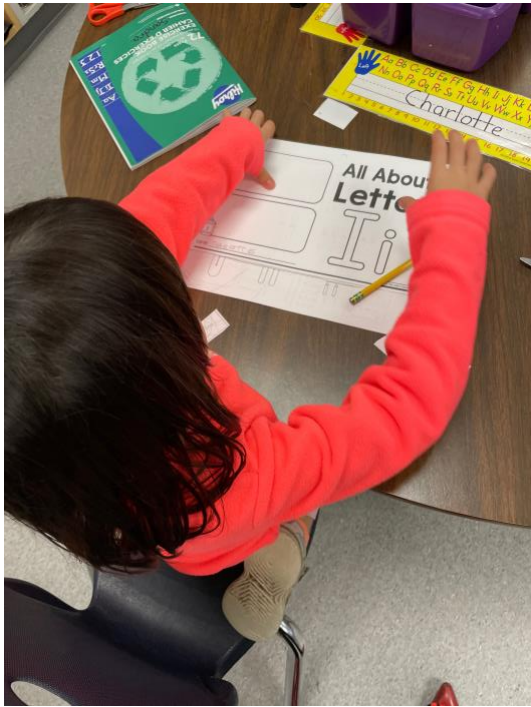
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The Week Ahead: Oct 28th to Nov 1st, 2024

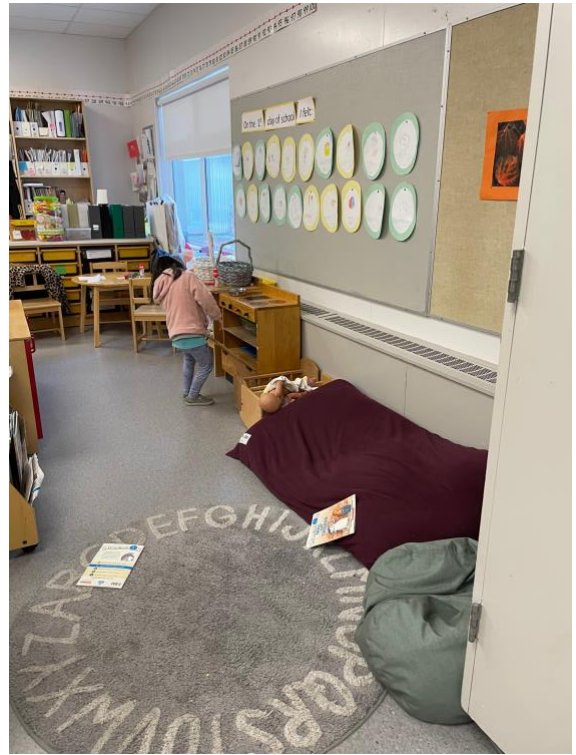
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| Monday | Pumpkin Patch (Thank you PAC for organizing) |
| Tuesday | Bake Sale- recess and lunch |
| Wednesday | Band concert Bake Sale- recess and lunch |
| Thursday | Bake sale – recess only PAC hot lunch Halloween Spirit Day Diwali |
| Friday | Diwali |

1. **Pumpkin Patch-** We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Anita Sandhu, our PAC Chair, and her incredible team for organizing such a fun and memorable event for our students!

Our school grounds will soon be transformed into a pumpkin patch, giving students the exciting opportunity to pick their very own pumpkins. We know they will love this seasonal experience!



Ms. Hulyk's class is learning about the letter I



Play Based Learning



Parts of an apple – Ms. Ghuman's class.