

For our "Go Batty" theme we read several poems and books about bats, beginning the week by reading the story Stellaluna. From that we made a list of things we knew and learned about bats then compared what was the same and different about birds. We learned that bats find insects to eat by echolocation, sound waves bouncing off objects. They eat 600 mosquitos in an hour so maybe bats are great to have around! We stamped 600 mosquitos on a paper... that is a LOT of bugs! Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddies are going to make bats with us on Friday.

The children really enjoyed sharing the "Family Pumpkins" that they made with you. They are on display on our door and windows by the classroom. Thanks for making that a special time for them. They were so proud to tell how they decorated them.

Friday we are watching a video "I Wanna Be A Police Officer" during quiet time to learn more about what police officers do before our police visitors come to our classroom for the "Cookies for Cops" program. Last Friday we baked (and froze) extra pumpkin cookies to give to the officers. Hannah's grandma has baked DOZENS of cookies for us to give to them.

Next week will be a busy one with special activities for "Red Ribbon Drug Free" week and our Halloween party on Friday. You received a separate paper telling how the children may dress each day for Red Ribbon week. Please remind them that good behavior is still expected. ☺

Our Halloween party begins at 2:00 on Friday with an all-school "Rockin' to A Drug-Free Beat" Costume Ball/Dance in the gym followed by treats and refreshments in our room. Please have your child bring their costume in a bag and they will change into them before the dance. They should be able to get their costumes on with minimal help. Please remember to choose appropriate costumes for our Christian school (no weapons). I have assigned treats and drinks and will ask others for future parties. Hannah brought Halloween plates, cups, and napkins. Sha Sha and Abby, please bring 22 treats and Owen bring 1 gallon of drink. Thanks!

Remember there is no school Monday. The teachers will be at an in-service all day at AEA in Bettendorf.

Have a great weekend!

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