

It was a "fantastic fall" week, including the rainy days too. On Monday we were excited to watch our 3 monarch butterflies take flight and disappear high into the sky. We are sure they are well on their way to Mexico! On Wednesday we collected colorful leaves for a project we will do with our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies on Friday. We also read the book "I Am A Leaf" and found out that a leaf's job is to "make tree food."

Our "Getting to Know Our School Families" book has begun its journey to all the kindergarten homes. Please look at the book that night and return it the next day so all families will get a chance to see it sooner. There is a page in the back for your comments if you'd like to write something.

We have begun to watch a little of the movie "Stuart Little" each day and I have been so proud of what the children remember from the book and how they compare what is the same and different between the two. As I previewed the movie last weekend, I discovered a couple places with inappropriate language so I will either mute or skip those sections.

This week we began using our Handwriting books and are learning the correct way to sit and hold our paper and pencils. One common challenge we have in Kindergarten is getting children to transition from writing their names in all capital letters. If your child is still doing this, please encourage the change to lower case letters for all but the first letter.

Enclosed you will find a permission slip which must be signed for the field trip to Hilltop Pumpkin Patch in Illinois City on Thursday. Please return it promptly with \$2 to pay for the cost to the pumpkin patch. Each child will get to paint a pumpkin! If you would like to go with us on the bus, please check that box on the slip. If your child has a Bishop Hayes shirt or sweatshirt, please have them wear it that day.

Monday is Picture Day so please return the envelope with check enclosed if you would like to order pictures. All children will have their pictures taken for the yearbook whether you purchase pictures or not. They may wear dress code or dress-up clothes only for these pictures.

Have a great weekend!

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