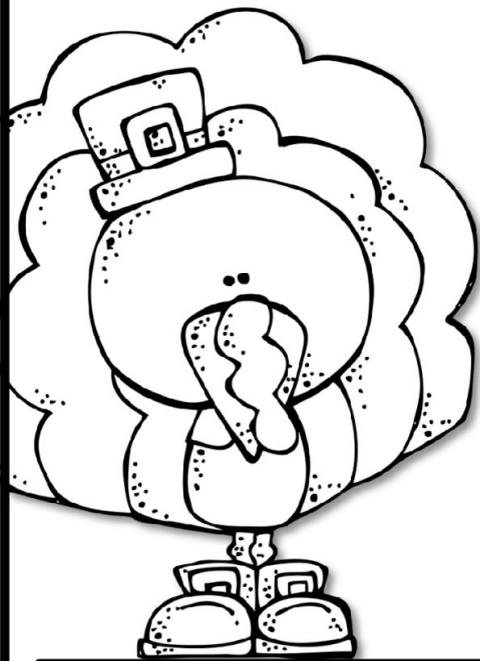


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Letters of the Week

Throughout the school year we highlight a letter each week. For each of these letters, we learn an action and a sound and practice printing the upper and lower case letters. By teaching the letters in the order I do, we are able to start to sound out small words such as cat, sat, pup, cup, etc.

This helps with our Kid Writing that we have started to develop during our writing time called journals. The letters we will be highlighting this month are S, T, A, N, I

Parent Volunteer/Criminal Record Check

As was mentioned in the River Valley School newsletter, we do require all parent volunteers to complete our Volunteer Agreement, Oath of Confidentiality, and to submit a current Criminal Record check including the Vulnerable Sector check. Since we will be starting our Citizen of the Day in November, and will be looking for parent/helpers at the end of October for Halloween, it is important that you have this paper work done in order to help in our classrooms. Please [click here for the link](#), or stop by the office for a package.

Popcorn Words

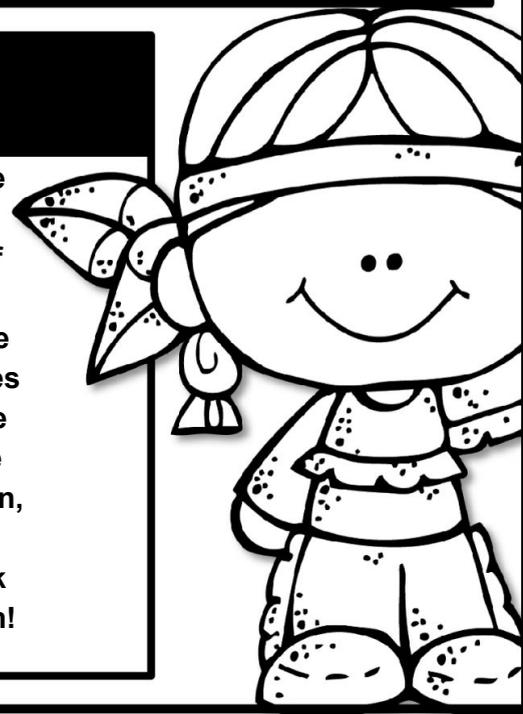
In the next few weeks I will be introducing popcorn words to students. Popcorn words are words that pop up everywhere in our daily world. I will be targeting one or two words a week until I have introduced all of them. As the year goes on it is my hope that they will also start to make use of them when doing their journals. I also encourage them to search for these words when they are reading a book at home with their parents. I have attached a list of the popcorn words for your information. They are not words that they have to know but it is surprising how quickly they begin to recognize them.

Journals/"Kid Writing"

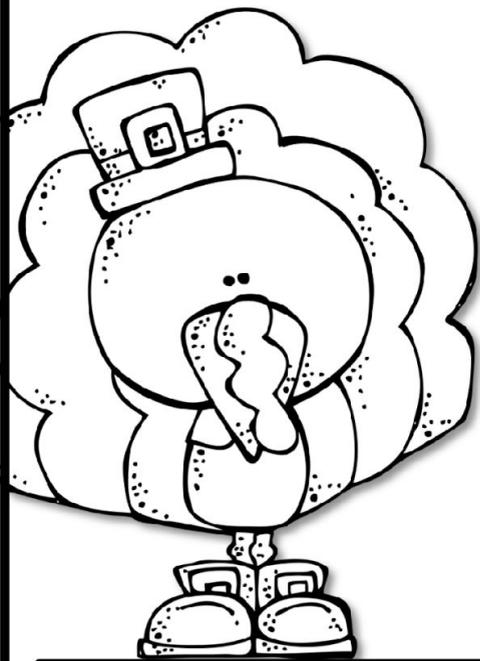
During "Kid Writing" the students draw pictures and then "write" something about their picture. Writing can take on many forms such as scribbles, random letters, initial sounds to sounding out words. It is my goal that through lots of modeling, letter and word exposure and "Kid Writing" experiences, each child will start to develop and enhance their own writing skills.

Miscellaneous Supplies

If you think you could donate any items to our class that you don't need at home, or if you are cleaning out a craft cupboard; we would welcome these items to use for activities in our class. Some things we use lots of are buttons, large and small zip lock bags, ribbon, beads, canvas boards, silk flowers or anything you think would be useful to create with!



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Scholastic Book Orders

If you would like to place an order, please return your completed forms, cash or cheques made out to Scholastic Canada by Thursday, October 12th. You now have the option to pay online as well. Go to <https://parentpay.scholastic.ca/> and use your child's teacher's name.

Parent Teacher Interviews

In the month of November we will be holding Parent Teacher interviews. Details and dates will be sent out at a later time.

Fire Safety

We will be having a Fire Safety presentation by "Fireman Frank" from the Sundre Fire Department. It will be held in our classroom first thing in the mornings of October 4th and 5th (these dates vary depending on which day your child usually attends).

Field Trips

We may be going on some walking field trips within town this month. We will also be going on a field trip to Bearberry on October 17th and 18th (these dates vary depending on which day your child usually attends). If you would like to come with us, please let me know. We would love to have you join us. Last week we enjoyed a nice Fall walk to collect leaves for some of our art projects. It was fun to join up with the other Kindergarten class for this outdoor exploration!

