



# Kindergarten Family Newsletter

**Mission:** Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.

**Social Skill:** Grit: I don't give up, even when it gets hard.

**Date:** November 4, 2024

## Grade-Level Events

- November 4-7: Book Fair (Open before and after school and during lunch)
- November 6: Parents Pastries 7:45-8:45 am
- November 13: Picture Makeup Day
- November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break - No School

## Math

Focus: I can use objects to help me figure out a word problem.

Example: Tell your child simple stories and have them use objects (i.e. cereal, beans, toys, etc.) to show the story. Example: There are 5 turkeys on the ground. 3 turkeys fly away. How many are still on the ground? Your child should start with 5 objects, then take 3 away. They should say there are 2 turkeys left.

Make sure to do some stories where they add and some where they subtract (take away).

## Language Arts

Focus: I can say the letter name and sound for all 26 letters. Repetition is the key to helping children learn letter names and sounds.

If your child already knows all the letter names and sounds help them practice fluency by saying them fast.

Example:

- Make a letter Bingo card with your child. Play the game by saying a letter name or sound and have your child cover it.
- Set the timer for 1 minute and see how many letter names they can say. Repeat with sounds. You can use the fluency page on the back or create your own.

## Science

Focus: We are focusing on leaves.

Example: One of the things we are doing in school is sorting leaves. Sorting is an important skill to master. Having your child sort things like socks or letters can help them develop critical observation skills.

## Social Skills

Focus: Grit: I will not give up even when it is hard.

Example: Talk with your child about things that we have to do that can be hard.

For example: learning a new sport, playing an instrument, learning a new skill, or learning something new in school.

What do you do when it gets hard? How can we have grit and keep trying.

## Family Connection/Additional Information

As the temperature gets cooler please send your child with a coat or jacket. Help your child learn how to independently put on their coat, including pulling out the sleeves. Please also help them learn to zip their coats by themselves. These are important skills for children to learn.

Please remember to label coats and jackets so we know who it belongs to.