



Westdale News

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy October. It was great seeing all of you at Parent Teacher Conferences in October. On Friday November 13th, the first Tri-mester will end. Report cards will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 23rd. If you have questions regarding your child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

This Wednesday, November 11th, we will be hosting Parent University for Math and Reading. Pizza will be served at 6 p.m. and sessions for parents will begin at 6:30 p.m. These sessions will be done by Westdale Teachers. They will explain what the students are learning in both math and reading and provide many helpful tips for working with your child at home. Each parent will receive a take home folder with things you can use at home to help. Child care is provided as well. We hope to see you there.

This Thursday, the students will be having a Veterans' Day Assembly. A veteran will speak to the students about what a veteran is and why we celebrate Veteran's Day. We are asking the students to wear red, white, and blue on Thursday.

This year one of our building school improvement goals is to focus on writing. Part of this goal is to give students opportunities to share their writing and publish their writing. So this year, in each of our newsletters, you will see samples of students' writing. Instead of their teachers writing articles about what students are learning, our students will be writing articles about what they are learning. Some may be drawings and some spelling may be phonetic spelling (writing the sounds they hear), which are all developmentally appropriate in a Young Fives-2nd grade building. I hope you enjoy their hard work!

Another thing I wanted to point out to you in case you have not noticed yet, is the work that is on display in our main hallway and on student lockers. That is another area we are focusing on this year is to display student work.

Last but not least I wanted to thank all of you for the candy donations that made our Halloween Walk Through a huge success!

Sincerely,

Karen M Volk

Westdale Elementary Principal

November 2015

Upcoming Events:

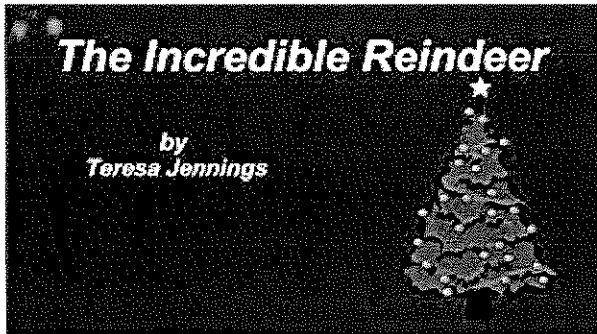
- 11/10 Picture Re-take Day
- 11/11 Parent University 6 p.m.
- 11/13 Students dismissed at 10:55
- 11/18 School Store
- 11/18 PTO @ 6 p.m.
- 11/20 Popcorn Sale
- 11/23 Report Cards Go Home
- 11/25-27th Thanksgiving Break
- 12/4 Popcorn Sale
- 12/9 2nd Grade Music Program @ Arrowwood @6 p.m.
- 12/16 Author Visits Westdale
- 12/18 Popcorn Sale
- 12/24-1/1 Winter Break

Don't Forget to Like Our Westdale Facebook Page!

We are focusing on the Life Principle of **Service** this month. Service is giving of one's time and energies to help

Music News

THE INCREDIBLE REINDEER HAVE BEEN MOVED!



Our second grade music program will now be at

6:00 p.m.

Instead of the originally set 6:30 p.m. time. We are still performing at the Arrowwood Commons on

Wednesday, December 9, 2015



November ...a month of THANKFUKNESS

Though we sometimes take people and things for granted,

This month of thanksgiving serves as a good reminder

To take some time to think of the many things that we are thankful for in our own lives.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Enjoy each other.

Take some time to THANK A VETERAN

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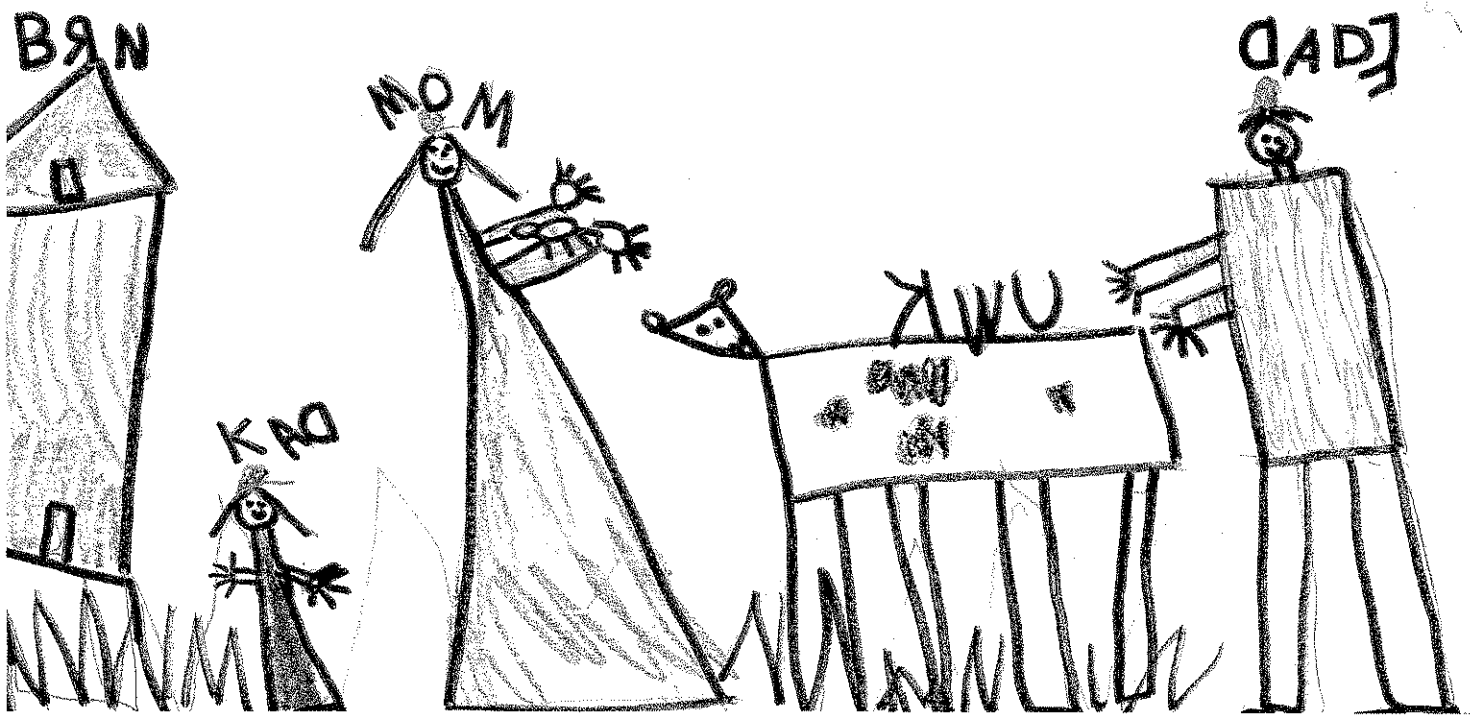
REMEMBER our TROOPS!

***Your donations for "Send Santa to the Troops" were greatly appreciated.

Young Fives

Young Fives students have been working very hard on telling stories through oral language and drawing a picture with details. Some of the students have begun to label objects in their pictures. Nadia's writing tells her story of visiting a farm with her family. They saw a cow and her mom held a calf.

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Mrs. Torres Kindergarten:
Kindergarten wrote about HOWL Day



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By Marisa Garcia

First Grade

Our first HOWL day of this school year was a huge success! The first graders had a great time learning about living and non-living things. It was fun to see the excitement (and fear for some of them) on their faces when they were able to compare the characteristics of a gummy worm and an Earthworm. They also loved learning about the lifecycle of a pumpkin and then being able to decorate a pumpkin and take it home. We are already looking forward to our next HOWL day!!

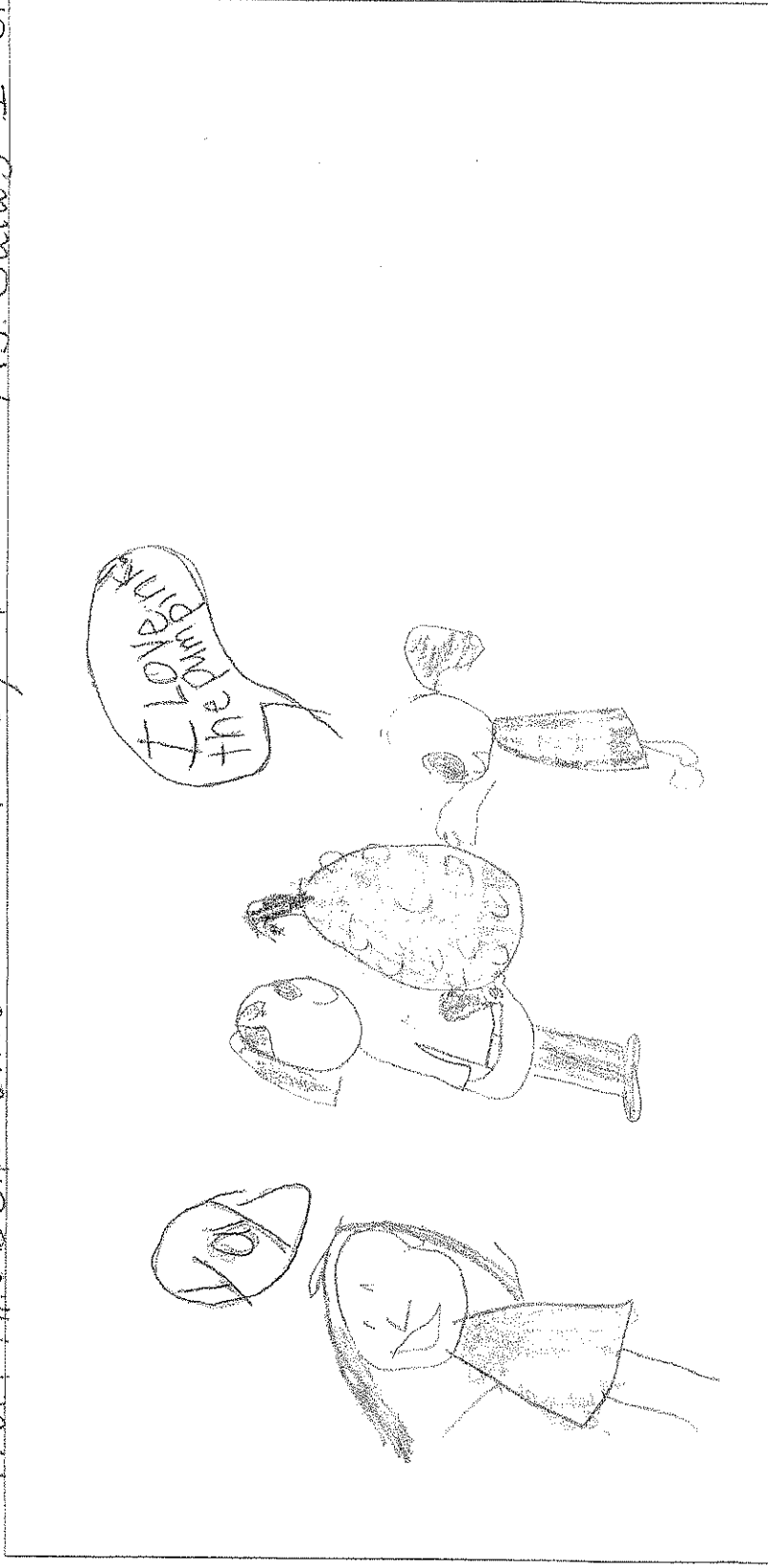
Ireland 11-2-15



I like Howl Day because
it is really fun. We got to
Miss Sala Room.
Because we had PUMPKIN.
It was fun!

from Anabelle and Thamyzyi

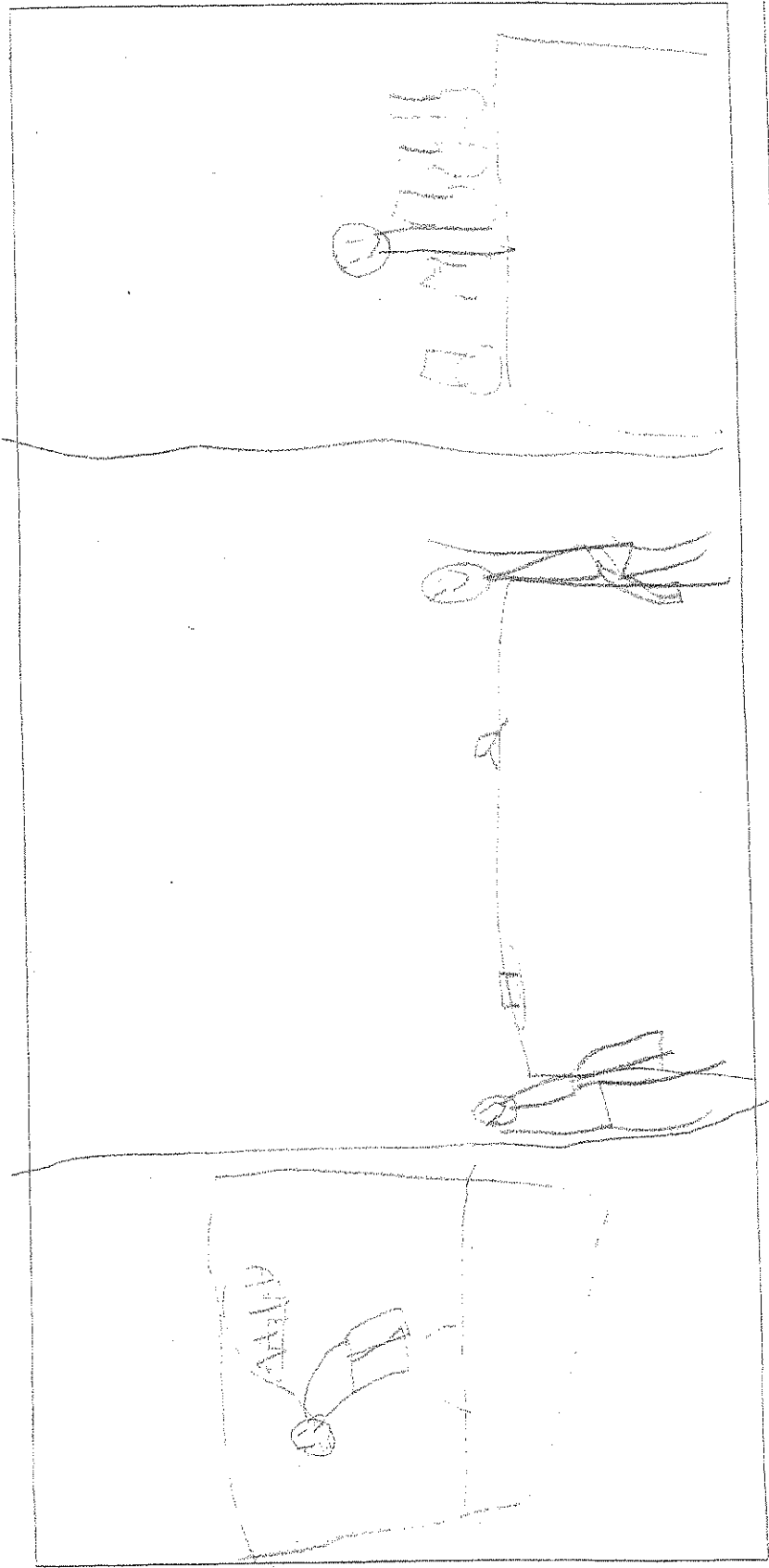
Ms. Sala's 1st Grade



On the howl day we learned

about the pumpkins. And the

sun pumpkin and moon pumpkin.

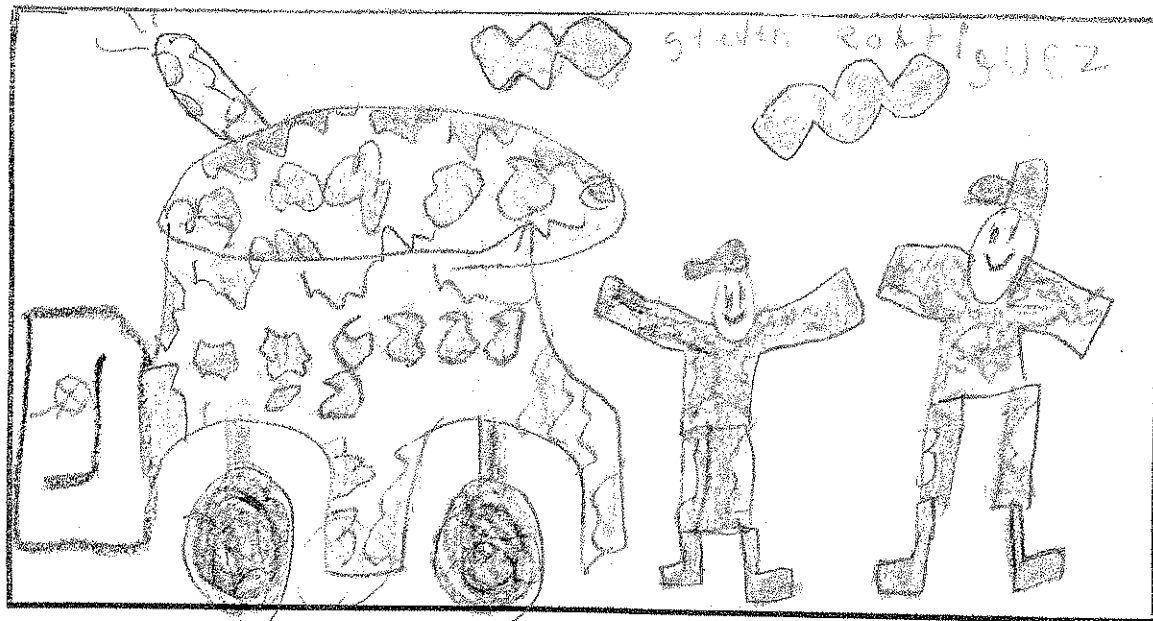


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Letter by Jonathan Rivers
Picture by Steven Rodriguez



Dear Soldier

Thank you for serving our

country. I feel bad for

you but, you tried to do the

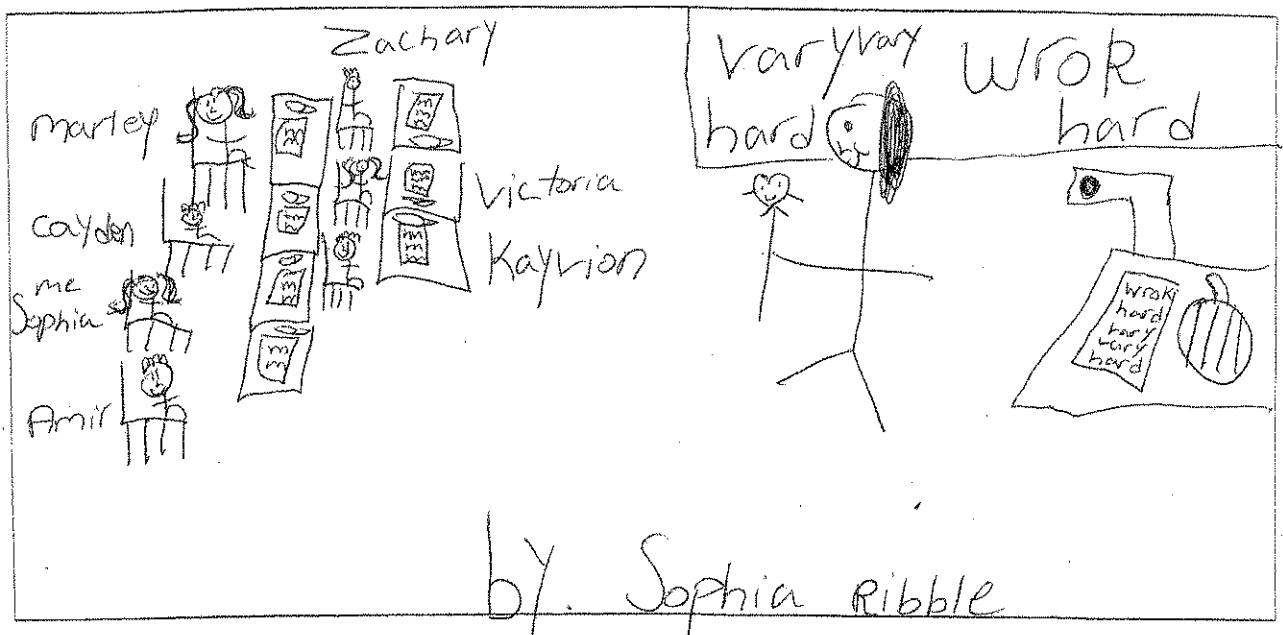
right thing. So we believe in

you! We are so proud

to be in America.

From Jonathan Rivers

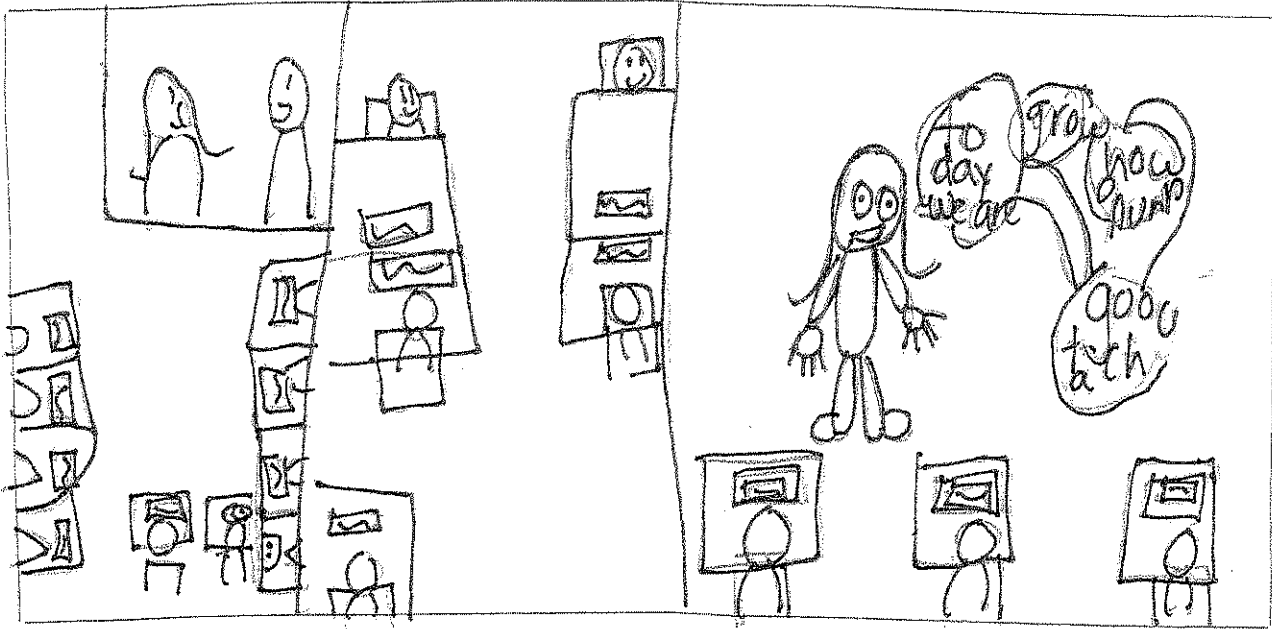
Yes it's howl day!
First we learned about
Compounds and Mixtures.
And we made heterogen-
eous Mixtures and homo-
geneous Mixtures. Then we
went to Ms. Carlilse's class
and we learned about
bats and we played
a bat game. It involved blind
folds don-don-don! Next we
went to Ms. Miller's and
we did a pumpkin project.
It was so fun. We got
to stick our hand in a real
pumpkin. Finally we went to
Ms. Mike's class and we got
a hand shaped ice cube
and we got to melt
it and get the rings.
I love howl day. I
can not wait for next



by. Sophia Ribble

In Mrs. Mike's class we got to melt Ice and try to get the rings inside of it.

In Mrs. Goidosik's class we got a little Snake. It had lots of stuff. It was fun. In my teachers class we got to learn about pumpkins and got to touch a pumpkins guts. We played a fun game in Mrs. Cartises class. It was about bats. It was riley fun.



On howl day we lerned about
how pumkins grow. Bats can't see well at
night so they use other sensis to find
food. We lerned that salt can mett
ice. Some times when you mix koo-lade
you can't see the water anymore. Scene
is fun

By Alexis George
and Hunter Holly

Mrs. Mikolezik's
2nd grade