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Weekly Quote:

"Excellence is a better teacher than mediocrity. The lessons of the ordinary are everywhere. Truly profound and original insights are to be found only in studying the exemplary."

~Warren Bennis

Send in your weekly quote to be printed in the Lion's Den!

Why Is Autumn the Only Season With Two Names?

by Forrest Wickman

It's the first week of fall—or perhaps I should say “autumn.” How did autumn become the only season with two names?

Before it was *autumn* and *fall*, it was *harvest*. While the modern names of *winter* and *summer* have been around for more than 1,000 years, the names of *fall* and *spring* are more recent—and less constant. This is partly because the two seasons were long viewed as secondary to summer and winter. As late as the 18th century, English speakers were less likely to think of the year as having four seasons, focusing instead on the coldest and warmest portions of the year. Even when they spoke of fall, they couldn't agree when, exactly, it took place. In the 17th and 18th centuries, dictionaries by both Thomas Blount and Samuel Johnson noted that some thought that fall began in August and ended in November, while others contested that it began in September (at the equinox) and ended in December (with the solstice).

Both *spring* and *autumn* used to go by different names. In the 12th and 13th centuries, spring was called *lent* or *lenten*, while fall was called *harvest*. In the 14th century things got a little chaotic. *Lenten* disappeared around the beginning of the 1300s, and the later *lent* similarly vanished only a few decades later. (It survives, of course, as the name for a religious observance.) By the end of the 14th century there was no firm word for springtime: People referred to it as part of summer, they used Latin (*ver*) or French (*primetemps*), or they just made up new phrases. *Harvest* as a word to mean not just “a time of reaping” but also, even for city folk, “the third season of the year” lasted longer. But it was joined by *autumn*—a word borrowed from the French—by the 16th century.

Spring and *fall* likely gained popularity in conjunction with each other. They each initially appeared in the 16th century as *spring of the leaf* and *fall of the leaf*, respectively. The two complemented each other nicely and were soon shortened to the more succinct *fall* and *spring*, with the longer phrases disappearing over the next few hundred years.

It's a bit of a mystery why the superfluous *autumn* persists while analogous words like *primetemps* and *ver* have fallen out of use, but it may have something to do with the Atlantic Ocean. The rise of *autumn* and the appearance of *fall* happened around the same time as the British arrival on the American continent, and it's there that the latter really caught on. In fact one of the *Oxford English Dictionary's* first citations of *fall* comes from Sir Walter Raleigh, one of the first English explorers of North America: In his poem “The Nymph's Reply to the Shepherd,” he uses the word to contrast with *spring*. *Fall* hasn't ever had quite as much currency in the United Kingdom as it has stateside—even though some Brits concede that North Americans have the superior term. In *The King's English*, the Fowler brothers counseled against Americanisms, but expressed envy over *fall*.

Fall is better on the merits than *autumn*, in every way: it is short, Saxon (like the other three season names), picturesque; it reveals its derivation to every one who uses it, not to the scholar only, like *autumn*.

However, in the end the Fowlers warned that it was too late. “We once had as good a right to it as the Americans,” they wrote, “but we have chosen to let the right lapse, and to use the word now is no better than larceny.”



Academy Report Cards
Wednesday, October 17, 2018



Fall Festival — Friday, October 19, 2018

PARENTS REMINDERS & EVENTS



Smartcare System
CFL Parents



Thank you in advance for working with us as we transition to our new payment and tracking system. We are asking that everyone continue to sign our students in and out via the kiosk in the Administration Building. Please be advised our new system is very precise, therefore we need you to clock all students out before or by 5:30 pm sharp. Late pick-up charges will be assessed to your smartcare account and you will be e-mailed all charges that are due. We are asking parents to pay through the Smartcare system in stead of Paypal as payments are recorded immediately to your account. Be reminded all tuition payments are due on Mondays in the office by 5:30 pm or through the Smartcare system by 11:59 pm.

Kidz Korner

Wake up your brain with this **"BRAINTEASER!"** *Funny yet Corny Christmas Riddles!*

Question: What do you call a duck that gets all "A's" in school?

Last week's answer: Answer: To get a rise from people.

Celebrations/Events/Fields Trips

Date	Event
09/26	WLTX News 19 and Wendy's Garners Ferry (1st thru 4th)
09/28	RCPL North Main and Zaxby's (K-3)
10/02	EdVenture & Chic-fil-a (K-2)
10/05	SC State Museum and Jackson's (K-4)
10/05	Wheels on the Bus Tour X & Chic-Fil-a (Toddler)
10/09	NE UMC Pumpkin Patch & Chic-Fil-A NE (K-3)
10/11	NE UMC Pumpkin Patch & Chic-Fil-A NE (K-2)
10/12	NE UMC Pumpkin Patch & Chic-Fil-A NE (Toddler)

****All field trips and guest speakers are subject to change!****



Dining at the Den Weekly Menu

September 24-28, 2018



MONDAY

Breakfast
Kid Choice
Cold Breakfast

Lunch
Steamed Cabbage
Turkey Sausage
Corn Muffins
Peaches
Milk

Snack
Ice Cream Cup
Milk



TUESDAY

Breakfast
Kid Choice
Cold Breakfast

Lunch
Hamburger
French Fries
Mixed Fruit
Milk

Snack
Blueberry Muffins
Spring Water

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast
Kids Choice
Hot Breakfast

Lunch
Baked Chicken
Seasoned Rice
Spinach
Pineapples
Milk

Snack
Tortilla Chips
w/Cheese Dip
Lemonade



THURSDAY

Breakfast
Kids Choice
Hot Breakfast

Lunch
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Potato Chips
Fresh Vegetables
w/Ranch
Milk

Snack
Fig Newton Bars
Milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast
Kid Choice
Cold Breakfast

Lunch
Grilled Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Sliced Apples
Milk

Snack
Fresh Vegetables
Crackers w/Ranch Dip
Milk

