

Fantastic Flyers' Classroom News

November

Our BCE Thanksgiving Dinner is Thursday, November 19. If you are planning to eat with your student, please meet us at 11:00 in front of the cafeteria. We will be eating in the classroom.

Language Arts

Word Study - Each week your student will have a new list of PAWS spelling words (Phonemic Awareness Word Study). We will be working on the same phoneme but at different levels. One group may be working on words like hop and box, while another group will have doctor on their list. We will be doing different activities with these words throughout the week. They will put these words in their personal word wall (a manila folder that is kept in their desk) on Thursday. There will be a dictation test on Friday. The students will be graded on spelling, punctuation, and handwriting. We are working on the diagraphs sh, ch, th, and wh. We will begin working on r blends. Parents have asked for the list of words in the past so your child will be bringing home a list that they can keep at home.

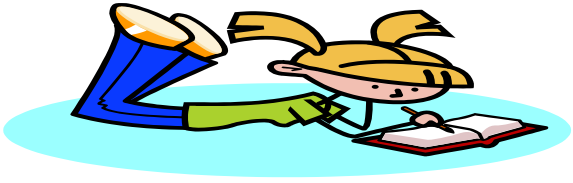


Reading - We have been looking at author's purpose and making connections to self, text, and world on an ongoing basis.

We have also been looking at the reading strategies we can use to know what a word is.

We can:

- Get your mouth ready for the beginning sound
- Look at the picture
- Cover up the word and read on. Go back and see what makes sense there
- Look for a chunk or part of a word



Writer's Workshop - We are working on turning our ideas into stories with correct punctuation and capitalization as well as good organization and word choice. We always follow the writing process - planning, editing, revising, publishing, and illustrating. Students have begun to edit and revise their own stories before they come and conference with me. When editing we use the acronym "CUPS." C = capitalization, U=usage, P=punctuation, and S= spelling. We will put "good" and "fun" in the trash can so we won't be able to use these words in our writing anymore. Our published pieces will be displayed in the cross hallway, so look for our work!



Math

We have a weekly classroom graph. Last week we graphed our favorite Helen Lester book. Then, we had Ms. Henderson's class choose their favorite book. It was "fun" or should I say, interesting comparing the two classes on the graph. We will put the information on excel graph this week.

We continue to work on operations (addition and subtraction), fact families, place value, and skip counting. We will be looking at comparing numbers and using the terms "greater than" and "less than".



Science

We have learned about the properties of rocks and have grouped them according to texture, color, hardness, and shape.

We will begin our unit on soil and water.



Social Studies

We will be talking about maps. We will identify the cardinal directions and mak a compass rose.

We will also be talking about traditions and the history of Thanksgiving. We will be looking at the types of chores and dress the children had then and now.

General Information

Homework:

Reading - Please remember to listen to your child read every night with for 20 minutes. Your child is to bring the reading folder home every night and return it to school each day. The books and the folder are to be kept in the baggie. Several students have not been bringing them back. They read these books with their group or independently each day, so it is very important to have them here.

Math - Weekly math warm-ups. There will be two problems for each night. This will be sent home in the homework folder on Monday and is to be returned on Friday. There is an optional page on the back of the homework.

Snack time - Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child each day. Please remember - **no juice or drinks for snack please.**

Students may bring a water bottle to class. It **must** have a **pull up or a flip up lid**. This will prevent spills on our papers, books, and carpet.

Library:



Our library day is **Wednesday**. Our child may return a book to get another any other day also.

Rules:

Please go over the school wide **PBIS** and what they mean.

Respect

Responsibility

Integrity

Flyers always **SOAR** do their personal best.

