



There's no place like
Rockenbaugh!

November
2009

First Grade News

Dates To Remember:

November 3:
Positive Proof will be here

November 4:
Walk for Diabetes
@ 4:00 PM

November 9-13:
Super Science Sale

November 20:
1st Grade Feast &
Show @ 10:30 AM

November 20:
Report Cards

November 23-27:
Fall Break

November 26:
Happy Turkey Day!

Language Arts

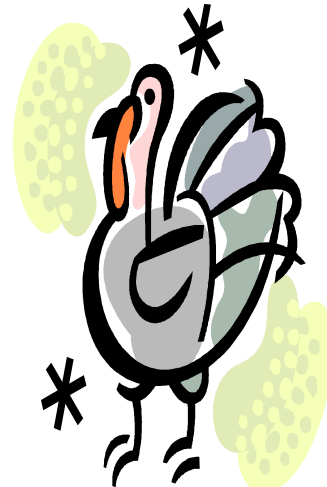
Reading Workshop

This month in Reader's Workshop, reader's will continue to practice retelling stories. We will also continue to talk about using our schema to make connections (text-to-self, text-to-text) with our stories. We will be introducing how readers think about the characters in their books to help them better understand the stories they are reading and make connections to those stories.

Writing Workshop

This month in Writer's Workshop we will be introducing Authors as Mentors. We will be using real author's who we love and admire to illustrate and study what good writers do. We want to teach the children that if they study what another author has done to write well they can learn ways to make their own writing better by simply reading texts they love.

Gobble'Til You Wobble!



Math

In November, we will be reviewing and deepening our knowledge of the math concepts of telling time to the hour and half hour, odd and even, and manipulating word problems. We will learn to exchange coins and count money up to dimes. The students will be introduced to math strategies such as counting on, making ten and doubles .

Science and Social Studies

This month children will be exploring Matter. We will focus on Solids and Liquids for now and investigate how these forms of matter can be identified, counted and measured.

Finally, the kids will be learning about the first Thanksgiving. Students will read many books to learn about important symbols, people, and facts.

Special points of interest:

- As the weather continues to fluctuate please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for recess. We will continue to go outside unless it is raining or the temperature is below 40°F.
- Please remember to check your child's lunch account online on a regular basis.
- Also, we are asking that you refrain from sending items that need to be heated in the microwave.