

November Newsletter

Dear Families,

November is a short, but very busy month. There are several events taking place during this month. We will be celebrating American Education Week. You will be invited into the classroom to do a Thanksgiving writing project with your child. The date and time will be set next week. I will send out another email with the details later next week. The Thanksgiving holiday will begin on Wednesday with an early release day. No lunch will be served on that day.

In reading we are working on a character study unit. The children have been making predictions based on the title of their book and by reading the blurb on the back cover. We are also discussing how to confirm or revise the predictions as you read. The children are working on describing their character's feelings, actions and traits. We are reading a variety of stories that have strong character development.

In math we are working on Topic 3, which is addition and subtraction strategies within 100. Students are using a hundred chart, open number line and place value drawings to help them add and subtract. We have been breaking apart numbers into tens and ones to help find a sum to an equation. Hopefully, these strategies will build students' use of mental math strategies and explanations to problem solving. Next is topic 4, which focuses on fluently adding and subtracting within 100 by using the strategies based on place value. Also, we want children to make the relationship between addition and subtraction. I am amazed at the work the students are able to do. Please continue to practice basic math facts at home.

In Science we have completed a unit on Landforms, Bodies of Water and The effects of wind and water. We discussed erosion and how it changes the shape of the earth's land. Students enjoyed participating in some hands on experiments.

Next, students will be moving on to the first portion of our social studies unit on Geography and Map Skills. A great deal of time this year will be spent learning about our earth using maps and globes. Students will be asked to locate the seven continents, the major oceans, mountain ranges, and rivers in the world. We will work on map skills throughout the year and will integrate these concepts with many other units.

We hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving with your families. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kerry Ennis