

November Newsletter

Dear Families,

November is a short, but very busy month. There are several events taking place during this month. The week of November 16-20 is American Education Week. Classroom teachers will be inviting parents or family members into the classroom for a visit. You will find more information on the invitation that will come home with your child soon. 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 non-fiction text. The writing focus is a report about animals. We also continue to write narratives, expository and opinions about autumn. One of our goals for this year is for each student to be able to write one or more high-quality paragraphs using many details. Students have been practicing how to write good descriptive paragraphs as well as reporting on facts and then stating their opinion about the topic.

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. 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 our unit on Changing Earth and Fossils. 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,

Mrs. Barlit