

October 28, 2019

Fantastic First Graders



Field Trip Thank you to all the volunteers for helping make the field trip amazing. I truly appreciate your help.

Fall Party Info: Our fall party will be Wednesday, October 31st after lunch from 11:35 – 12:30. ☺

Reading This week our texts are A Cupcake Party and various poems.

Genre Fantasy and Poetry

Target skill Story structure and dialogue

Grammar Articles (using a, an, or the with a noun)

Vocabulary Strategies Synonyms

Spelling

This week we will review the short vowel, u. (short u sound) and work with words that have final blends. We are tapping out words, building words, doing word sorts, unscrambling sentences and finding words that include short u and final blends in our daily readings. We also play spelling sparkle & spelling battleship!

Spelling words this week: us, sun, but, fun, bus, run, jump, must

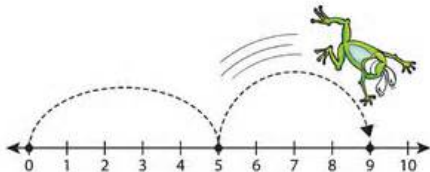
Our challenge words are: pumpkin, thunder, subtraction

High Frequency Words (sight/trick words): give, one, small, put, eat, take

Writing This week we will continue to learn about informative writing, but we will focus on writing detailed descriptions. We will practice by writing a friendly thank you note to a character in our text.

Science Nocturnal animals: Bats and Owls! We continue to discuss facts about each animal and make comparisons. We will, also, be continuing to focus on life cycles and we will be discussing the life cycle of a pumpkin.

Math We are starting a new unit in math, subtraction strategies to 20. We'll be doing lots of work with number lines, counting back and using doubles to subtract. We have also been working a lot with story problems. The kids are good at reading the story problem and identifying the numbers. But...they also need to decide whether or not they need to add or subtract, write the



number sentence, and then SHOW me how they arrived at the answer. Showing is the hard part for them. They usually say, 'I just know the answer.' But I want to see how they arrived at that answer such as using the number line, cubes, blocks, tally marks, fact families, etc. We continue to

use math vocabulary words such as **counting back, doubles, equation, number sentence, difference, etc.**

Family Turkey Project: These are due on **Monday, November 4th**. These turkeys are a creative writing opportunity for your child and will be posted in our hallways! If your family is done, please feel free to send it in before the due date. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kid's Heart Challenge (Jump Rope for Heart) We are scheduled to jump with our fifth grade buddies on Friday, Nov. 8th from 10:25-10:55. Parents are welcome to come and jump with us or watch!

Invention Convention This year we will not be doing a class science project, but will be inventing something to solve a problem. The students and I will be voting on a problem to solve and creating something to solve that problem. We will not be creating the actual inventions until January. I am asking if parents could start saving items that might be useful to create an invention. My thoughts were going toward empty laundry containers, Kleenex boxes, Pringles cans, empty milk jugs, etc. **Regretfully, I do not have a ton of room to house all these items, so if you could wait until the holidays to send them in I would appreciate it.**

Upcoming Experts

Oct. 28 – Pumpkins – Liliana

Nov. 12 – Native Americans – Adam

Nov. 18 – Seasons – Jacob

Nov. 25 – Pilgrims - Tesla



*All of the information on becoming an expert is posted on my website with details. If you have further questions, let me know.

Important Dates to Remember

- Thurs., Oct. 31 – Fall Party – 1st grade classrooms 11:35-12:40
- Fri., Nov. 1 – Junior Achievement
- Mon., Nov. 4 – Family Turkey Project Due
- Wed., Nov. 6 – Picture Re-take Day
- Fri., Nov. 9 – Veterans Breakfast 7:30 am
- Mon., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, No School
- Thurs., Nov. 21 – Butter Braid delivery
- Tues., Nov. 26 – First Grade Thankful Feast (more information to come soon)
- Nov. 27-Nov. 29 – No School



November

Birthdays

Jynesis - 4th

Derek - 12th

Rylee- 13th

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