

Hi Everyone!

Happy first week of fall, officially! 🍁 🍂

Curriculum

- This week we will finish our novel Home of the Brave. Our task has been to look deeply into our reading and learn better how to be analytical thinkers. I have really enjoyed hearing the insights and theories during our discussions. Students will now also be reading one of 6 books for our Book Clubs, and will endeavor to use the same strategies we have learned to think deeply about these new storylines.
- This week in Writer's Workshop we will be working on essay format. Our next unit is "Research Based Essay Writing" so we are remembering and learning what basic essay format looks like.
- In math, our topic this week is multiplication of decimals by whole numbers. We will also be working with story problems.
- If your child is still working to be a member of the "4 Minute Club" (multiplication fact mastery), you might want to use these pages for practice: [Multiplication Practice](#)
- We are enjoying our time in the science lab every other Friday. Last week we experimented with properties of matter. Students tested objects to see if they can conduct electricity or thermal energy (heat), reflect light, or are attracted to a magnet.

Reading Homework

Just a reminder that students are expected to be reading ***for homework for at least 30 minutes a day!*** Their reading log should reflect about 13 hours of at-home reading so far.

[HOMEWORK LINK](#)

Math Quizzes and Tests

You will notice that most story problems on math quizzes and tests are worth 3 points each. I wanted to explain the breakdown for that: 1 point for showing their math work, 1 point for getting the right answer, and 1 point for putting their answer

in a sentence. I will continue to remind the students, but wanted to make sure you also understood where those points come from.

Trimester 1 Project

This week we begin our Dice Baseball season for our Trimester 1 project! Students have created a baseball team, chosen a team name and a mascot, and will be competing in a dice baseball season against their classmates. This project includes work in: math, reading, writing and creativity. Some parts of the project will be done for homework, so look for those assignments.

We will use our imaginations, practice good sportsmanship, *laugh* and be inspired by some true stories in American baseball! After the season, students will be computing batting averages, studying probability, and writing a news report about our team's season, among other things. There's something in there for everyone! *Let's play ball!*

Book Fair

The book fair is open this week:

Monday, September 22 - Friday, September 26 - Open at lunch only

You can also shop online with your child. Here's the link:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sunolglenelementaryschool>

Message from our Community Club:

Bingo for Books

This event is happening next Tuesday! We'd love to encourage all families to attend and register in advance so we can plan food for everyone.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/h6F598TyhpAvodMA8>.

Walk-A-Thon

October 17 is our annual Walk a Thon!

Message from our Community Club:

All shirt and sweatshirt orders are due **Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 PM**, so we want to make sure everyone is aware and gets their \$25 donations in per student to have 100% participation. WAT link: <https://bit.ly/WAT25>

Hope you have a great Sunday!
Warmly,

Katrina

Website link

Photo link