

Mrs. Scott's November Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

11/5 No School - Teacher Workshop

11/8 Veteran's Day Assembly - Veterans and their families are invited to attend at 9:00am

11/8 Early Release

11/11 No School, Veterans Day

11/25 First Grade Cranberry Extravaganza (in class) - volunteers wanted (must be fingerprinted)

11/27-11/29 No School, Thanksgiving Break

Save the Date: Holiday Music Concert December 3rd 6pm-7pm at Prospect Mountain High School.

October Highlights

- We learned how to follow the writing process and write stories with a beginning, problem, solution and ending throughout our small moments / narrative writing unit
- We finished our unit on adding within 10. We can count up to find a missing part or a total. We understand the meaning of the equal sign and can read/write equations with the total on either side! We know how to add 0, 1 and doubles facts quickly! We also know the parts of all numbers to 10.
- We read *Go Away Big Monster* and used the details in the words to draw our own monsters without looking at the pictures! Then, we added our own details. This lesson introduces the idea of using more details and specific words in their writing.

- We made slime and got to play with it in class.
- EVERYONE dressed up for the parade and we enjoyed snacks and halloween activities.
- We observed and dissected the sunflowers from the parent pick up area. We collected the seeds and are saving them to plant in the spring! We also read about the sunflower's life cycle and explored the non fiction text structure of sequence.
- We did a series of activities exploring the movement of the sun and shadows and what makes day and night. We will continue this unit taking a closer look at the moon throughout November.
- We have been working on copying sentences using proper capitalization, punctuation, spelling and handwriting.
- We earned our word detective badges for noticing problems in our reading, looking closely from start to end, using everything we know and checking the word to make sure it looks right, sounds right and makes sense!
- We learned about digraphs and blends and practiced reading and spelling words that include those patterns.

November Curriculum at a Glance

***Trimester 1 Report Cards are usually issued in early/late December**

Reading : Unit 2, Word Detectives

Reading Units of Study: We will be finishing our word detective unit with a focus on looking closely at words. Students are working on using larger units - blends, digraphs, vowels, contractions, suffix's smaller words, parts etc. to read longer words.

Writing : Unit 2, How to Books

Writing Units of Study: We will be starting How To Writing, which will run through Thanksgiving break.

*This is a repeat of a familiar Kindergarten unit and it's the best first grade how to writing I have seen yet! Students are remembering and applying their skills from kindergarten to writing longer, clearer how to pieces for first grade.

*Students will write information texts to teach others How To do various things. We will explore recipes, instructions and other common forms of "how to" writing we see in our daily lives. Students will practice writing in steps and elaborating by including a list of things you need, a beginning (introduction) and ending (conclusion).

*TIP: Look out for examples of information texts at home-they're everywhere! Practice orally describing "how to" do things around the house. For example, how to make a bowl of cereal, how to brush your teeth, how to make a lego car, how to ride a scooter etc.

Foundations (Phonics & Spelling) : Unit 4 & 5 Bonus letters and glued sounds

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*Students will review using their fingers to tap cvc words to spell and read. They will practice reading and writing new trick words and learn about digraphs (th, ch, sh, wh), bonus letters (ll, ff, ss) and glued sounds (all, am, an). Students will apply these skills by reading word lists and texts and by writing dictated words and sentences.

Math

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Eureka Math Module 1: - Topics G-J : Subtraction within 10

*Students will learn how to solve equations and number sentences flexibly in equations such as $7 - ? = 9$ and $6 = ? - 4$. They will learn strategies such as counting up, counting back, taking away and separating. Students are also developing fluency for counting, including counting up and back by 2s, 5s and they "say 10 way."

Social Studies - Veteran's Day & US Symbols

*We will be making drawings and a video to contribute to the schoolwide Veteran's Day Virtual Assembly and sharing our artwork with staff members who have families with active military.

*Please let me know if there is someone in your family that you would like us to send a special Veteran's Day note to!

Thanksgiving - We will take a virtual tour of Plimoth Plantation and talk about the first thanksgiving and family traditions.

Science - Moon and Stars - A Mystery Science Unit

In this unit, students explore the Moon and stars. Students observe and record the appearance of the Moon to determine its cyclical pattern. They also determine why stars are only visible at night.

Unified Arts Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guidance	PE (sneakers)	Library	Music	Art