

Learning Overview: Week of November 28th - December 2nd

English Language Arts:

Novel Study: Charlotte's Web (Ch. 1-8)

- **Learning Goals:** Through the reading of *Charlotte's Web* students will practice reading fluency, rich vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills. Students will have packets that coincide with the chapters being read that week.

Writing:

Topic: Where I'm From Poem (continued)

- **Learning Goals:** Students will brainstorm ideas as a class to put into our poems. We will go over stanza's, rhyming and shades of meaning. This project will culminate in the form of a class book.

Math:

Unit 3 Multi-Digit Addition & Subtraction

Unit 3 reviews and extends students' thinking about place value, multi-digit addition and subtraction, and problem solving. In the first module, students are introduced to the idea of rounding 2- and 3-digit numbers to the nearest ten and the nearest hundred. This skill is extended into the realm of computation, as students use rounding as a way to estimate and check the results of adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers. Along with reviewing and deepening their understandings of strategies learned in second grade, students are introduced to the standard algorithms for adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers toward the end of the unit.

*To better understand some of the strategies your student will learn please visit: [Bridges Math for Families](#). You can also find practice and supplementary activities through the [Bridges: Math At Home](#) Website.

Module 3: Estimating to Add & Subtract

This module focuses on rounding and computational estimation. As students round, add, and subtract, they also practice and use estimating skills to approximate solutions to problems, and to determine the reasonableness of their answers. In Session 1, students are introduced to another version of the Round & Add game, this time rounding 3-digit numbers to the nearest hundred and comparing the sum of the rounded numbers to the sum of the actual numbers. Session 2 features a brief review of 3- and 4-digit place value, in preparation for the session that follows. In Sessions 3 and 4, students collect data from a table which they use for rounding, estimating, adding, and subtracting.

Religion:

The Jesse Tree Ornaments

- **Learning Goals:** Students will listen to a scripture that relates to each day of the coming of Christ. They will then reflect upon the reading and offer up a prayer.

Science:

Unit- Circle of Life: In this unit, students develop an understanding of life cycles. Students explore how both animal life cycles and plant life cycles can look very different, but they all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death. Changes to one stage of the life cycle can affect all of the following stages.

Mystery 1: How is your life like an alligator's life? (*Animal Life Cycles*)

- **Learning Goals:** In this lesson, students explore animal life cycles by thinking about their birthday buddies—all the animals that were born on the exact same day as they were born—and what happens to those birthday buddies over the course of their lives. In the activity, Birthday Buddies Timeline, students develop a model to compare the life stories of different animals. Using this model, students discover that although the lives of animals can be very different, they all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death.

Social Studies:

Unit - Changing Communities

- **Learning Goals:** Students have brainstormed how transportation, communication and structural developments have changed over time. After a teacher led tutorial of how to construct a basic Google slide, they will create their own using the information we've gone over previously. These slides will be put together to create a complete presentation.

Accelerated Reader (A.R.):

- **Goals:** Students continue practicing pace, prosody and accuracy during reading. Students need to read within their AR level to best practice these skills. They can read independently or with another person and are **required to complete 1 book every 2 weeks.**