

11-7-25

It is unbelievable that November is next week! Thank you for sending your child in the appropriate gear for the temperature changes. Pretty soon, we'll be preparing for snow pants boots and heavy coats 🥶.

Reading/Writing

The last few weeks, we have been studying the different text type of Drama. This is a script that determines characters, the setting is told up front, and it moves between scenes to show kids different settings. We enjoyed learning about this different type of text, and next week, we move into Poetry.

In writing, we finished our comparative essays. Students got to choose two animals to research and then had to write a comparative piece of writing about those two. I am proud of the effort my students are putting into the writing; I see tons of growth already!

Math

We are now 23 lessons in our Multiplication and Division unit, and so far, it is going well. We have worked with area models, the standard algorithm, partial products, long division, and more. In the next column, I have given some

examples of the newer math terms for your convenience.

Area Model

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9 \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 40 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 \hline
 \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 360 & 27 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{r}
 360 \\
 27 \\
 \hline
 387
 \end{array}$$

Area model for double digit Multiplication (kids will start to use this soon)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 70 \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 50 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 5 \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 250 & 35 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 \hline
 \begin{array}{r}
 3500 \\
 490 \\
 + 250 \\
 35 \\
 \hline
 4275
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

A few great websites to enhance your child's learning at home are:

www.getepic.com, www.newsela.com, www.multiplication.com, www.abcvia.com, www.wonderopolis.com, www.coolmath.com

We use many of these in the classroom!

Long division steps are listed below. The process repeats if we are dealing with two-, three- or four-digit numbers

Division is all in the family

Dad-Divide ÷
 Mom-multiply x
 Sister-subtract -
 Brother- bring down
 Rover-remainder r

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \leftarrow \text{quotient} \\ 3 \overline{) 57} \\ \underline{-3} \\ 27 \\ \underline{-27} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

PLEASE keep working with your child on mastering their multiplication facts. This will make their math lives so much easier.

Social Studies/Science

We have moved back into Science and we are studying our body as the human machine.

The homework that I expect kids to do each night in reading is to **JUST READ!** It is a proven fact that kids that are exposed to more reading time drastically increase his/her learning! The more kids read, the better readers they become.

Book choice plays a major role in that. When kids are interested and engaged, they naturally begin to want more books that challenge them intellectually. If you are ever looking for suggestions, please reach out! I can help you with some topics, recommend a series and general suggestions.



Conferences

Reminders

11-26/11-28-No school
 Thanksgiving Break

Thank you to everyone that made it out to chat with me for conferences! I love being able to see parents face to face to discuss your child's

Independent Reading at Home

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progress. I have a fabulous group of kids, and I love talking about them!

FACT PRACTICE

Also, please continue to have your child practice his/her multiplication math facts. These are important for both third and fourth grade math. Knowing the multiplication facts frees the brain to compute the process, not just the product.

Thank you!

Standing Specials

Monday- STEAM 11:55-12:45 Tuesday-
PE 11:55-12:45 Wednesday-STEAM
11:55-12:45 Thursday-PE 11:55-12:45,
Friday-Music 11:55-12:45

Have a great couple of weeks!
Always feel free to reach out if
you have questions.

~Leanne Feuerstein

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