

Class 3 12

November Newsletter



Important Dates

November 4: Parent Teacher Conferences – Dismissal at 11:30

November 7: Election Day – School Closed

November 10: Veteran's Day – Wear Red, White, Blue

November 13 & 14: Picture Day

November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving Recess – No School ≈

Supporting Your Student at Home

Students have all been given a password for their RAZ-KID Accounts. Please have your child log on daily. Even if your child is unable to read, they will at least be able to listen to a story. Afterwards, ask your child simple questions about the story; such as: Who was in the story? Where did the story take place? What was the problem with the story? This will help the students begin having independent conversations about their text. Encourage your child to answer in complete sentences. This may take some modeling. Math can be incorporated throughout almost any and every activity. For example, walking home from school, have students count how many cars there are on the block, when cooking, have your child help count with the recipe: 2 egg, when at the park, have your child collect 10 leaves. The more fluency your child has in counting, the math topics we will be learning this year will become a lot easier for them.

Leader in Me

This month we will be focusing on Habit 1: Be Proactive! This Habit reminds students that they are in charge. They Are in charge of their learning, their behavior, their decisions, and so much more. To help students better understand this Habit, we will be reading *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss.

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Reading and Writing

This year has been off to a great start with so much progress already being made. We have been focusing so much in reading/phonics: long vs. short vowel sounds, consonant vs. vowel, word families, segmenting beginning/middle/ending sounds of a word and so much more. Students are really enjoying our Phonics block and reading rotations.

It's so nice to see our students become writers! Students started this writing unit by becoming verbal storytellers. This gave students an opportunity to share their stories with their friends without the pressure of writing. After much prompting and support, students are writing their own independent pieces.

Math

Students have made such nice progress in fluency with the help of Counting Collections. Now, some students are partaking in Number Talks, where students have to explain their thinking when presented with an equation. This does take lots of practice and support, but it's so nice to see the progress they have made even though they are in the beginning stages of this new mathematical activity.

Science

Your children will be introduced to their role as scientists. We will be exploring why there are no monarch caterpillars in the field that was made into a garden. When we arrive at our solution, we will problem solve how to prevent this from happening again. Students will investigate like scientists, as we learn how to ask questions and question others on our findings. Students will be buzzing with excitement of the hands on experiences to come!

