

Newsletter for the week of January 23, 2017

Hello Parents,

This week the students have been participating in so many group activities together. During Language Arts, students read with partners, created thank you cards about a story they read, checked answers to comprehension questions, created story maps and much more. Next week ask your child what group activity they participated in for the day?

Our lunch period will be ending at 12:45 instead of 12:50. This will give us a little extra time for reading groups and read aloud. I have encouraged students to watch the time and make sure they are eating instead of socializing.

If you need to run errands Afterschool care is a great way to leave your child in a fun and safe environment. **Afterschool care is only \$5.00 per hour** (which is cheaper than a babysitter). The more students who stay, the more fun it is for everyone. We are working on organizing some great after-school programs, but we need more student participation.

Here are some activities and concepts for the up and coming week....

Math

Please continue to practice addition facts at home to help them prepare for their minute tests (1st grade doubles and addends 0, 1, and 2. 2nd grade doubles and addends 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).

Concepts this week in math :

1st grade – Addition Strategies (adding 10 more and adding 3 addends to find the sum)

2nd grade - Two Digit Subtraction by breaking apart ones and regrouping to find the difference. Many of the second graders have been struggling with regrouping (borrowing). We will continue to explore it until we have mastered the concept.

Language Arts

Green Group

Writing- Write to inform

Grammar- Proper nouns

Reading- *Sea Animals* by Norbet Wu (nonfiction)

Orange/Purple Group

Writing –Persuasive writing

Grammar-Abbreviations

Comprehension- Cause and Effect

Reading- Each student will be assigned a book. Ask your child about the book.

Purple Group

Students will work on book reports. Reports due February 10th

Spelling

Students who earn a 90% or above on their pretest will not have to take a spelling test. Every week they will have a mini grammar assessment after the spelling tests.

Spelling list 1 – words with digraph *th*

Spelling list 2 –compound words

Spelling list 3- compound words

Reading Groups

Group 1 – th words, base words and s, es, ed and ing endings, high-frequency words, blending phoneme

Group 2- compound words, high frequency words, cause and effect,

Read Alouds

Chapter Book- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes(I want to thank Tony's family for this book.)

Picture Books- *Dear Mrs. LaRue* by Mark Teagu and *Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body* by Joanna Cole

Project

We will build a model of an animal cell, and research some of the parts of the cell.

Important Dates:

1/26 - Love and Logic training 6-7p.m.

Have a great weekend!