

October 27, 2017

Dear Families,

Here are a few of the things we worked on this week in first grade!

Language Arts:

- Celebrated the end of our first unit of study in Reading Workshop! Students set goals for the next unit and celebrated the good reading habits they have established thus far! Reading Non-Fiction will be our next unit.
- Finished up unit one in Writing Workshop. Writers added ellipses, pop out words and exact actions to their stories this week so they are super interesting for us to read next week! Poetry will be our next unit.
- Added more trick words to our word wall in Foundations
- Learned about bonus letters, "f,s and l." Students learned when to use them, and how to mark them.
- Students learned the first welded sound, "all."

Math:

- We are about half way through unit 2 in math.
- We are continuing to use dominoes to practice addition and subtraction strategies
- We did more with *fact families* and writing and solving story problems
- We continue to practice counting by 1's, 5's and 10's

Science/Social Studies:

- I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's "phases of the moon" project and report that came home a few weeks ago. We finally finished reading all the books that went along with the unit. I think I can say we are officially done with the moon unit!
- November and December will be focused on Thanksgiving and other Holiday traditions.

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

- Parent-Teacher conferences are next week on Thursday and Friday. Thank you for sending back your confirmations so quickly and for being flexible with times! I always love meeting with families and celebrating all the wonderful things the kids are doing! Please be ready with questions or concerns so we can make the 30 minutes we have productive. PLEASE BE ON TIME! We only have 30 minutes and that time goes quickly. If I get behind with one family it sets everyone back. Thank you for respecting everyone's time.
- Picture re-takes (for real!) are on November 13th
- PTA Family Movie Night-November 17th
- Winter Concert-November 30th at 6:30
- Craft Fair at WRS to support our PTA is on December 2nd

- Thanksgiving break-November 22-24th
- Please NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES on Tuesday.

Hope you have a great weekend. I look forward to seeing you all next week. Call or email with any questions or concerns.

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