

December Newsletter

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Reading

Students have just finished the second Reading Benchmark, and are now reading stories in Unit Three. They are working on strategies of cause and effect and author's purpose. We are beginning to read Charlotte's Web as well. Children should now be reading 25 minutes each night and recording their reading on their reading log.

Math

We finished the November Math quarterly. I will be sending results home as soon as they are all graded. For the remainder of the month we will be working on counting various amounts of money, and making change up to \$5.00. Please give your child opportunities to practice with real money at home.

Writing

I am very excited about how the children are blossoming as writers! We have worked on How-To writing, narratives, and journals. For the remainder of the month we will be writing comparing and contrasting essays incorporating what we are reading with Charlotte's Web in Social Studies with the Wampanoag Indians and the Plimoth Colonists.

Social Studies

We made corn husk dolls, wampum bracelets, beaded shell necklaces, and succotash while studying the Wampanoag Indians. We will be moving on to learn about the Plimoth Colonists and their first years in New England. There are wonderful activities your child can participate in when visiting the Plimoth Plantation website.



We are in need of a few supplies to help keep our classroom running and germ free. Any donations of tissues, paper towels, Clorox and baby wipes would be appreciated!

Please also send your child to school with a water bottle to keep on their desk so they do not use the fountain when thirsty.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support. I enjoyed meeting with all of you during conferences. Please don't ever hesitate to call, email or come into discuss any concerns you may have.

Happy Holidays,



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