



Reading

Students will have their first book report due on October 30th. All information will be sent home for you to review on Oct.1st. They will have the choice of either designing a book cover, or dressing as the main character and giving a presentation.

We have 2 more stories in unit 1 to complete. Students will take their first benchmark test the week of Oct.12th. Our ongoing unit theme has been Meeting Challenges. Look for the Family Times sheets each Monday in your child's home folder. It will explain each story, skill, vocabulary, grammar, and spelling for that week. It also has extension activities to do with your child at home. The theme for unit 2 is Doing the Right Thing. Which we will begin mid October.

Writing/Language Arts

Haiku poetry describes things around us in nature. Our class will create Haiku poems this month to display on our bulletin board for the season of Fall. We will also learn to write friendly letters. Right now we are working on "personal narratives" about a challenge they have faced in their lives. In unit 2 the students will write a "how to" report. They will partner up with another student and see if they can follow the instructions properly. Some students in the past have made jewelry, sandwiches, games, crafts, etc... It is a lot of fun for everyone.

Math

Students will be making various types of graphs this month. We will also have some fun pumpkin observations (which might get a little messy). This is always a big hit! There will be a test on chapter 2 the week of Oct.19th. We will also create quadrilateral creatures. The class has also learned to measure angles using protractors.

Social Studies

The unit on maps and globes is just about finished. Groups are now making maps for specific purposes. They have also worked on how to read latitude and longitude lines. The test for this unit will be Oct.1st.

Science

In our first unit we will study Plants. Students will collect roots and leaves, and will observe stems and flowers. We will discuss photosynthesis and food chains.

Reminders

- Please remind your child that materials not needed for class should stay at home. Students should not be bringing in toys or objects that will distract them or others during learning time.
- Homework is an extension of class work, and is equally important in learning new skills. **Please remember to check your child's agenda and home folder daily!** Some students have already come to school without homework completed.
- We are in need of tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. Your donations are always appreciated!
- Study Island is up and running. Children should be spending some time at home logging on to practice ELA, Math, and Science for the MCAS test next Spring.
- Spellingcity.com is another website we have been using. Students can also access this site from home to practice their weekly spelling words. Another great site is Funbrain.com for practice with math skills, and Dancemattyping.com for typing practice.

- Book orders will go home Oct.1st and need to be returned by Oct.8th.