

# Mrs. Taylor's October Newsletter

## Math

We have just finished our first chapter in math and I have noticed that the kids already have some great skills. We will build upon those skills all year and I hope to challenge all the students in math. So far we have worked on patterns, graphing and basic counting skills. In chapter 2, we will work on numbers to 12. We will show two parts that make up the numbers in order to prepare students for adding and subtracting. We will continue our exploration of more/fewer and even/odd. Ask your child to tell you what the following terms mean: more, fewer, bar graph, pictograph.

## Reading/Writing

We are working so hard to become fluent readers. We read every single day in every subject area. Students have a story of the week, phonics readers and readers at their reading levels. Although the phonics readers that go home may be an easy read for students, they are so important in order for them to practice smooth, fluent reading. The ease of word reading allows students to practice "reading like they are talking". Upcoming skills we will be working on in reading and writing are: short e, initial sound consonant blends (ch, wh, th...), short u, final sound blends, and the sound of a as in ball and walk.

Writing develops along with reading and vice versa. As you see one improving, the other is likely to improve as well. Students should start writing longer sentences at this point—aiming for as many words in the sentence as their age (6 years old—6 words per sentence).

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## THANKS!

It was so wonderful to meet all of the parents at open house. I look forward to seeing you all again in November at the conferences. I will send reminders home when the time is closer so don't worry if you cannot remember the day or time you signed up for with me. If you need to contact me before then, email is the quickest way or you can call the school as well. Thanks again for all your help at home and for all the supplies people have been sending in!!

## **VOLUNTEERS**

I will be sending a sheet home this week for volunteers to work in our room. A current CORI is required. Thanks!