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November News



Fall Celebration

Report Cards

Our Fall celebration was a HUGE success! A special thank you to all of the families who provided supplies and treats for our special day. You certainly helped make our party one to remember!

Wednesday, November 22nd marks the end of our first trimester. Wow, time certainly flies when we're learning a ton! First trimester report cards will be sent home with your child in early December. Report cards are one of the tools educators use to communicate individual progress throughout the year with students and their families. I hope that by reporting student progress on individual concepts (standards), both you and your child will have a better understanding of his/her strengths and areas for improvement within each subject area. Please use the report card as a conversation piece with your child at home. It is a great starting place for setting goals for second trimester. And, above all else, please use the report card to CELEBRATE the progress your child has made so far! As always, please let me know if you have any questions pertaining to the standards-based report card and/or your child's progress this trimester. Thank you!

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Happy November!

There are so many things to be thankful for this time of year. I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to work with such incredible students and their families. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!



November Book Report

In the month of November students will be digging deeper into story elements such as plot, character, and setting. They'll also share their book's main idea, problem, and solution. They'll share an connection and an emotion they experienced while reading a book this month. Their assignment is to complete the, *My Reading Response Web* poster for the book they've chosen. Please be on the "look-out" for an explanation of the assignment and a rubric in the near future.

CURRICULUM

Math The fourth unit of study encompassed within the Everyday Mathematics series is “Division.” Unit 4 has four main areas of focus: to review multiplication and division facts and apply basic facts to division with 1-digit divisors; to review and practice the partial-quotients division algorithm with whole numbers; to use the partial-quotients algorithm to divide decimals by whole numbers; and to practice solving division number stories and interpreting the remainder.

Literacy Throughout the month we will continue to participate in lessons from *Units of Study for Teaching Reading –A Workshop Curriculum Grade 5*. Unit one is called, *Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes*. The unit encompasses three bends. Students are in the process of completing bend one. It’s called, “Writing About Reading with Voice and Investment.” Bend 2 will encourage students to raise their level of writing and talking about literature. Finally, bend three is called, “Thematic Text Sets.” It will help students turn texts inside out. Students will use thought prompts to help express the similarities and differences they see across texts. They’ll also compare and contrast author’s craft within texts. Students will continue to participate in whole groups mini-lessons and small group instruction based on these bends to help them gain the skills necessary to become proficient readers.

We continue to participate in Daily Language Review (D.L.R.) lessons for fifth grade. This frequent and focused practice leads to mastery and retention of the skills practiced. The skills that are covered are punctuation, grammar, comprehension, vocabulary/word study, reference skills, and capitalization.

Students will finish practicing 5th grade SNAP words during our word work (spelling) block. The goal is for students to spell and read all 100 words correctly by the end of first trimester. These words are posted on our classroom website.

Science We are continuing the science unit of “Sun, Moon, and the Planets.” This unit has four investigations that focus on Earth’s place in the solar system.

Social Studies Students are engaged in geography and United States regions lessons. In the future, students will be engaged in curriculum surrounding U.S. History. Students continue to participate in social studies lessons on Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs. Wentz.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- Nov. 1...November Reading Minute Log Due
- Nov. 5...Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 6...No School For Students/PD Day
- Nov. 7...Fall P.A.D. Fundraiser Pick-Up Date
(3-5 p.m. Elem/MS)
- Nov. 10...Veterans’ Day Program (10:00 a.m. in the 1-8 Gym)
- Nov. 10...November Book Orders Due (*optional*)
- Nov. 13-17...Aiden’s V.I.P. of the Week
- Nov. 15...Noetic Math Test
- Nov. 20...5th Grade Field Trip to Palace Cinema
Wonder (9:00 a.m.—12:45p.m.)
- Nov. 20...November Book Report Due
- Nov. 22...End of the 1st Trimester
- Nov. 22...Early Release @ 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 23 & 24...No School/Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27...No School For Students/PD Day

Reading Minutes

November’s reading goal will be for students to read at least 400 minutes. The reading log already been sent home with your child. Please encourage your child to record his/her reading minutes everyday. At the end of the month I ask that students total the minutes he/she read the entire month and record it on the calendar. Please sign the calendar and have your child return it to school at the beginning of the following month. If your child meets his/her goal he/she will earn a certificate for an individual pizza from Pizza Hut. Enjoy! Happy reading!