

Mr. Luke's Newsletter

August 20, 2019

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What We Are Learning

Reading: Students have begun learning the **Daily 5** centers. This includes read to self, work on writing, word work and listening to reading (Raz-Kids). We will also soon begin guided reading groups. Students have also been reviewing **short vowel sounds** and **diagraphs** (ch, th,wh,sh). We will also continue asking and answering questions about fictional stories (**RL1.1**) and next week, non-fiction texts (**R.I. 1.1**).

Writing: Students will continue working on personal narratives (**Small moments**) for the rest of the quarter. This includes learning how to hook the reader (introduction), transitional words, how to sequence, how to edit with a peer, including details in their writing/illustrations, and how to write a closing (**W.1.3**).

Math: Students have been doing a **terrific** job understanding place value and understanding that the digits in a two-digit number represent the amounts of tens and ones (i.e. 85 is made up of 8 tens and 5 ones) (**NBT.1.2**). We will soon begin organizing, representing and asking/answering questions about sets of data (**MD1.4**).

Social Studies: Students will review the importance of rules in different communities (**1.C.1, 1.G.1**). We will spend time discussing various ways conflicts can be resolved in homes, classrooms, and communities (**1.C.1, 1.G.1**). Next, we will move on to a science unit about force and motion (pushes, pulls, and balancing) (**P1.1**).

Announcements

1. Use your student's green communication folder to keep track of the work we do in class as well as a way for us to stay in touch (transportation changes, etc.). Please initial his or her behavior nightly so that I know you see how our days are going ☺. Send this back to school each day.
2. I will also be posting photos to **Seesaw** as much as possible just so you can see what your child is working on! **Thank you for all the comments and likes!**
3. **Math Curriculum Night** is **September 5th** from **6:00 pm - 7:10 pm**. You should have received a **digital RSVP**. I will be sending out more information soon.
4. **Open House** is also **September 5th**. Two identical sessions will be held from **(7:10 pm – 7:35 pm)** and **(7:40 pm – 8:00 pm)**. I will be discussing our first-grade **curriculum** and first-grade **expectations**.

Dates:

August 30: Progress Reports Home / Science Is Fun! In-school field trip
Sept 5: Math Curriculum Night 6:00 pm (will be sending an email with more info) /Open House 7:10 pm (will be sending an email with more info)
September 20: Fall Pictures (individual)

Classroom Wishlist

- **Post-It notes**
- **Prize box items (stickers, temporary tattoos, fun pencils, glitter glue, bouncy balls, erasers, etc.)**

Have a wonderful week ☺

- Mr. Luke