



Reading/Writing

Our students are continuing their study of story elements in fictional texts. We are exploring characters and character traits in multiple fun and engaging ways. Our reading detectives are becoming experts at using text evidence to support their thinking. Also, we are using our five senses to describe the setting in a story and make our writing more interesting. Our writers will be focusing on developing their own narratives, creating a character with a problem and a solution.

Sanford Harmony in Action

First grade is incorporating Sanford Harmony into our curriculum. We have been discussing things we have in common with each other, as well as learning how to make new friends. Through buddy up, we are learning how to communicate with one another and engage in conversations.



November 2017

Math

We are beginning chapter three, which concentrates on addition strategies. Students will be learning various strategies such as doubles, ten frames, and the 'make a ten' strategy to help build their fluency in addition.

Social Studies

We are continuing our study of families and the communities they live in. We will be talking about Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, as well as other holidays that families may celebrate. We will also be discussing family traditions, values, and community celebrations. We hope that you will have discussions with your child at home about your family and the holidays and/or traditions that you may have. This will help to enrich our classroom discussions during social studies time.

Fundations

We will begin Unit 3 in Fundations, which focuses on consonant digraphs such as th, wh, sh, ch, and ck. The sample words for this unit are: wish, chop, and sock. The trick words for the unit are: as, has, to, into, we, he, she, be, me, for and or. Continue to practice tapping out words with your child at home. We are also working on writing complete sentences with proper end punctuation.

Reminders!

Our trip to the Queens Theater is on November 20th.

Parent-teacher conferences are on November 16th; the students will be dismissed at 12:00.

There is no school on November 7th for Election Day.

Open school for first grade is on Wednesday, November 15th.

There is also no school on November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving break.

Science

We are continuing our studies of animals through the reading of non-fiction books and the discussion of animal adaptations and habitats. We are learning about inheritance and how that affects the presentation of various traits in animals.



Reading Eggs

Please encourage your children to practice their reading skills at home. Ask your teacher for their log-in information.

