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Newsletter - November 2017

Kindergarten--Mrs. Ryan

We are having so much fun in Kindergarten! Everyone is following routines and learning to be independent. We are becoming great readers by focusing on the pictures and words to help tell the story. We love reading and discussing a House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle. We are reading our leveled books and having sharing our books with our partners. We are learning to talk about books by focusing on the characters, setting and beginning, middle and end. In writing, we are continuing writing stories about our lives. We are focused on telling it across three pages and labeling with letters, words and sentences. What fun stories we are writing and sharing. Many of us are wonderful artists and authors. In math, we are learning to compare numbers and use math vocabulary when explaining our solutions. We are learning to work with partners to solve real world problems. In S.S. we are learning more about our school community by focusing on rules and why they are so important. Finally, in Science we are continuing studying about apples and pumpkins. We have done fun investigations with real apples and pumpkins! We have learned about their life cycle and the parts of it.

First Grade--Ms. Wu

We have had such a busy month in October. As we head into November, we are all beginning to become independent learners! It is already so amazing to see the growth we have shown in these past two months!

For the month of November, we will begin to transition our small moment writing into our informational writing unit. It is going to be great! Students will begin to research about topics they want to write about. In math, we will begin chapter 3. This chapter allows us to delve deeper into addition strategies. In social studies, we are continuing our families unit. For science, we are still working on animal diversity. It has been such a fun unit! In reading, once we finish up with Stellanina, we will begin our non-fiction unit with Elephant and Calves.

Lastly, I am thankful for every student in my class and all the wonderful support I have from every parent and guardian. I hope you all have a wonderful and amazing Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones!

Second Grade--Mrs. Marks

In second grade have grown as writers who learned to add internal thinking, dialogue and reflective endings in our small moment narratives. We read Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday, A Chair For My Mother and Trouble in the Sandbox. We learned how to get to know the characters by paying attention to what they say and do. We will now be starting a non-fiction unit of study in reading and writing. In science we are still learning about Earth Materials, and in social studies we will be moving into how New York has changed over time.

We had one workshop in Lego Robotics and we will be having another session of enrichment with Lego Robotics in November. We will also be going on our first class trip in November. For those of you joining us on our trip to the Highline, thank you. Picture day is in November and so are Parent Teacher Conferences. I look forward to meeting with you during those conferences to discuss your child's progress in second grade.



Third Grade--Mrs. Walter

So much has happened since we last checked in. We had our first Writing Celebration. In small groups, we introduced our partner with a precise introduction about them as a writer. We then shared our insightful, elaborate personal narratives. In Reading, we will be looking closely at non-fiction text and various reading strategies that will assist us in deepening our comprehension of nonfiction text. We will combine that with our new unit in Writing, too. We will be writing an informational piece of writing, on a topic that we know a lot about.

In Math, our focus is how and most importantly, why we multiply and to understand the purpose for multiplication.

In Science, Ms. Gottlieb and I are digging deeper with a focus on measurement.

Ms. Siracusa and I in Social Studies, are digging deeper into World Cultures. Please make sure to check Class Dojo and my website daily. Remember that report cards and conferences are coming up very soon. Sign up for Class Tag and pick your appointment time from there.

We are learning to be kind, respectful, and responsible to anyone we come in contact with. A big thank-you to Mrs. Nealy for giving us Tae-Kwon-Do! Being intentional, impactful, and measurable!

Fourth Grade-- Ms. Melenk and Mrs. Flynn

We have had an outstanding October. Personal Narrative are easily transitioning into our new Realistic Fiction Narratives. We are moving into Realistic Fiction reading which will further support our writing. We will be continuing to tackle multiplication. We are excited to continue Bricks4Kids and push our thinking. Science and Social Study investigations will further our S.T.E.M. work Roots and Shoots and the Stock Market Game are challenging us to think creatively. Report Cards and Conference are much anticipated. We look forward to seeing you.



Fifth Grade-- Mrs. Clyne-Davis and Mrs. Brown

Even though we are finished presenting our Start with Hello musical extravaganza, we will continue to help make everyone feel special and inclusive. We will embark on a new service learning project with the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots and Shoots program. So stay tuned for more information. We will begin our feature article unit where we will focus on topics we are passionate about so we can share our knowledge and joy with others. We will publish our stories in class magazines. After we finish doing some non-fiction reading about rainforest food chains and other interesting topics, we will work on "Night of the Spadefoot Toads," a wonderful novel about a boy who works with his teacher to help an endangered species in his community. It's all part of our "interconnected" unit. In social studies, we continue to learn more about diverse cultures including the Inuit, Mayan and Pueblo Native Americans through project based learning activities. We continue being expert problem solvers in mathematics and enjoy creating our own problems to challenge our classmates. We are very excited to be participating in a debate enrichment club--thanks to Mrs. Nealy. We will learn more about the use of animals for scientific testing and exploring the "pros" and "cons" of this important issue. Overall, fab fifth graders are learning about different people with different perspectives as we continue to evolve into empathetic and compassionate citizens who have respect for all living things.