

Mrs. Schanen's Monthly Newsletter

October 2019

Reading

We've practiced listening to stories read aloud, reading to yourself, and doing reading activities. We will start learning how to do "Daily Five" which are reading activities students do independently while I meet with reading groups.

Phonics

We've been learning one letter a day. Soon we will have finished the whole alphabet. Hopefully most students will know the names and sounds of all the letters. If your child doesn't, that is something you can practice at home. After we finish the alphabet, we will start our phonics curriculum which focuses on one letter each week. We use the letter of the week to help the students learn to read and words.

We've started learning sight words.

Sight words are words the students memorize and can read instantly. These are common words that are not usually sounded out easily (ie "the" is a sight word. "cat" is a word student can sound out). We've had the words "I" "the" and "to". The next three words we will learn are "went," "go," & "and."

The words will go home in Red Folders. Please have your student cut them a part and practice identifying, reading, and writing them at home.

Writing

We have started writing journal pages or stories. The expectation right now is that the students can say their sentence and draw a picture of it. We've just started to learn how to count our words, write that many lines, and then write the first sound of each word.

Math

We've practiced counting, identifying numbers, and matching the number with that amount of objects. We will read *Anno's Counting book*, which has scenes of different numbers of items and we've drawn our own scenes. We will continue to do very basic number sense activities.

Handwriting

In our handwriting curriculum first teaches the strokes. Once we've mastered those we put the strokes together to form all of the letters. So far we've learned tall line down, short line down, ez across, and U turn. The last ones are down the steps, down the slide, and c stroke. Ask your child to draw them for you!

Book checkout

Book check out is on **Cycle days 1, 5, and 8**. To get a new book they need to return their checkout book by those cycle days. Students can return their books early if they are finished with them.

Field Trip

Our field trip is coming up soon! It is Friday, October 11. We will go to Applewood Apple Orchard. Your child will need to either bring a lunch from home or get a bag lunch from school (whatever you signed up for). This is an outdoor field trip so dress your child appropriately according to the weather (Winter coats, hats, and gloves are a must.)

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Fall Party

We do not celebrate Halloween at Red Oak (sorry no costumes) but we will have a Fall Party on October 31. This will include special crafts, snack, and video. If you'd like to help with the party please let me know.

Dates to Remember:

October 10	Conferences 4-8
October 11	Read-a-thon Pledges Due
October 11	Field trip
October 14	Conferences 4-8
October 15	Conferences 4-8
October 15	Read-a-thon
October 16-18 No School	
October 25	Read-a-thon Celebration
October 31	Fall Party

Star of the Week

We will start having a student be Star of the Week. I will send the bag, poster, and information page home the Friday before your child is the star of the week. They should fill out the poster and bring it back along with their favorite toy and book in the bag. All items will be returned by the end of the week. Here is an approximate schedule that may change. ☺

October 21-25	Maryam
October 28-Nov 1	Kristine
November 4-8	Tyus
November 11-15	Gavin
November 18-22	Lily
December 2-6	Azmiik
December 9-13	Maci
December 16-20	Ulis
January 6-10	Quinn
January 13-17	Camila
January 27-31	Preslie
February 3-7	Carly
February 10-14	Karson
February 17-21	Jamai
February 24-28	Preston
March 2-6	Juliette
March 9-13	Aa'Nijah
March 16-20	Almir
March 23-27	Lana
April 6-10	Ridha
April 13-17	Sharif
April 20-24	Keilyn