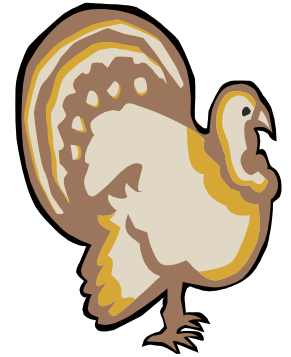


What's Going on in November



This Month's News

Nov. 2nd 2009

We are 40 days into the school year already! Here are the focus points this month.

Reading: This month students will be continuing to focus on determining important information during shared reading. You can do this with your child by having them tell you the main idea of a fiction story (who, did what, where, when, and why). You may also have them tell you important details when reading non-fiction text. Practice these skills during your 20 minutes of reading at night!



Read with your child 20 minutes each night to help their development!

Writing: Students will be working this month on editing and revising.

Editing: We use a system called **CAPS**

C - check for capitals **A** - only 1 and in a story

P - punctuation . ? ! **S** - spelling of critical words

Revising: Students will be expected to add 1 more detail to each story to improve it.

Try having your child do their own editing and revising at home before you help them.

Math: We will be finishing up our Math Unit 2 on Place Value and Money and moving into Geometry. In Computation students will be expected to use bridge to 10 strategies ($7+5$ can be seen as $10+2=12$) and then to use all their strategies for addition at one time.

Science: Our *Rocks, Sand, and Silt* science kit is underway!

Important Dates

School Events

- ✓ Tuesday, November 10th—Spirit Day and Veteran's Day Assembly (time to be posted). Students need to dress up in red, white, and blue.
- ✓ No School Wednesday, November 11th! It's Veterans Day!
- ✓ Early Dismissal Wednesday, November 25th.
- ✓ No school November 26th and 27th. It's Thanksgiving Holiday!
- ✓ Popcorn Day: Friday, November 6th and 20th.

Classroom Events

- ✓ Happy Birthday to all students with November birthdays!

Notes and Reminders

I would like to take the time to thank all the parents that come to parent—teacher conferences. It is so great that you got to see what your child has been working on in class and the improvements they have made.