



PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on oo, ew, ue, ou, -ed, and -ing. We will work on these sounds in our phonics readers, "Our Classroom Zoo Book" and "Jade's Drumming".

The story in our anthology is "The Art Lesson". We are working on the strategy of evaluate, author's viewpoint, and reading a newspaper. High frequency words are fair, gold and woman. Vocabulary words are crayons, chalk, powders, copy, smock, ruin, and practice.

Please have your child read at least a total of 75 minutes a week. Children are to return their reading logs and folders for checking the first day of each week.

Please continue to work on the Dolch words. The Dolch words are high frequency words that children need to learn to help them read fluently.

SPELLING

Lesson 29 "Art Lesson"

Wednesday's test

book foot good hook
 knew moon new room
 shook soon took tooth who
 you zoo *hoof *school
 **January **February **argue

Friday's test

1. The bold child will argue with his teacher.
2. Who shook his foot and took the good hook from the room?

3. I knew you saw the new moon in the book at school.
4. How soon will we see a tooth and a hoof at the zoo.

Please practice for these tests. You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,
<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36134>

MATH

In math we will be connecting place value in money with place value base-10 blocks; counting by 1s, 10s, and 100s; making equivalent numbers using base-10 blocks; making ballpark estimates for subtraction problems, and completing an unit test.

We will have a money test on Monday, a renaming test in addition and a facts test on Tuesday, a clocks test on Wednesday, a renaming test in subtraction and a facts test in on Thursday, and an unit test on Friday. Please practice these skills.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on irregular verbs, punctuation, and writing an invitation. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SCIENCE

For the rest of the school year we will discuss plants and animals. We will also do a special unit on insects. In this unit we will observe several live insects. We will observe Cecropia, Luna, and Polyphemus moths emerging from their cocoons; the development of Painted



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Lady Butterflies from caterpillar to adults; ant behavior in a gel ant farm; praying mantises emerging from their egg cases; and the development of ladybugs from larva to adult. We may also have some adult hissing Madagascar cockroaches to observe.

CLASSROOM PROJECTS

This week we will continue our discussion of Earth Day and how to protect our environment. We will also discuss and share our recycled creatures.

We continue to work on the Captains Reading Program. To reach "home plate" the children need to have read 200 minutes this month in their Reading Logs in their RED (Ready Every Day) folders. Children who have read at least 200 minutes will receive ticket forms that will need to be completed and mailed to the Captains ticket office.

COMPUTER PROJECTS

Your child may wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites that we use during computer time. The url is <http://www.portaportal.com> You may login under guest as class7 to view the various websites.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Due to 3rd – 5th grade state testing we will not have computer lab for the next two weeks.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Music

Wednesday- Intervention Gym

Wednesday- Cultural Exchange

Thursday - Library

May 6 - No School

May 9-13 - Book Fair – BOGO

May 27 - Field Trip- "Fossil Find" at Environmental Learning Center, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

May 30 - Memorial Day – No School

June 2 - Last day for students

FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

Please remember to look at the papers your child brings home in his/her task/work-folder. Praise your child for good marks and help him/her improve any weak areas. Please keep the graded papers, sign the weekly report sheet in the clear pocket, and return the folder and sheet in the clear pocket to school as soon as possible. Papers marked with an I or Inc. should be corrected and returned.

Please remember to send your child's lunch money in an envelope with his/her name on it and Mrs. Gray. This helps the children move through the line quicker and gives them a little longer to eat.

Due to lots of colds, illnesses, and allergies we have nearly depleted our supply of tissues. If possible please send in a box of tissues that may be shared with the class.

If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school -466-4831), or e-mail (school – roberta.gray@neomin.org) .

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