



PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on *igh*, *ie*, *oo*, *ew*, *ue* and *ou*. We will work on these sounds in our phonics readers, "Dwight the Knight" and "Who Drew the Cartoon?".

The story in our anthology is "Moses Goes to Concert". We are working on the strategy of summarize, noting details and reading captions.

High frequency words are heart, mind and alphabet. Vocabulary words are deaf, vibration, signs, percussion, instruments, and hearing.

Please have your child read at least a total of 75 minutes a week for his/her reading log. 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 32 "Moses Goes to a Concert"

Wednesday's test

butterfly buy dry eye find fly
high light mind my night right
sky try why *flight **daughter
**paste **August **December

Thursday's test

1. My friend thinks that old shack is haunted.
2. Why did my butterfly fly right into the bright light?
3. Do you mind if I try to reply after my night flight?
4. Why did you find and buy that fake eye?

5. Did you dry the flag high in the sky?

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=36176>

MATH

In math we are working on finding the total items in several equal groups by multiplying, solving division number stories, and introducing multiplication facts.

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

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are reviewing researching skills.

Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SCIENCE

In science we will be discussing plants and animals for the rest of the school year. We are working on a special unit on insects. In this unit we are observing several live insects. We are observing Cecropia, Luna, and Polyphemus moths emerging from their cocoons; the development of Painted 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.



CLASSROOM PROJECTS

We will be working on several special projects this week. We are also working on some spring decorations for our classroom.

COMPUTER PROJECTS

We will be able to use the computer lab again at the end of this week. Your child may wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites that we use during computer time in our room. The url is

<http://www.portaportal.com> You may login under guest as class7 to view the various websites.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

- Monday - Gym
- Tuesday - Music
- Wednesday- Intervention Gym
- Wednesday-Cultural Exchange
- Thursday - Library
- Friday - No school
- May 9 – 12 -Right to Read Week
- 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.

We have completed the Captains Reading Program. To reach “home plate” the children needed to read at least 200 minutes in April in their Reading Logs in their RED (Ready Every Day) folders. Children who met this goal will receive ticket forms this Thursday that will need to be completed and mailed to the Captains ticket office.

Your child should be reading (orally and/or silently) for at least 75 minutes a week. He/she should be able to answer questions about what he/she has read. Your child should record what he/she reads each day on his/her reading log. This log should be returned the first day of each school week. If you have lost your child's reading log please send me a note and I will replace it.

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who sent in tissues for the classroom.

If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school -466-4831, ext. 6001), or e-mail (school - roberta.gray@neomin.org).
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