



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

November 16, 2015



PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on vowel sounds. We will be reading and discussing fables and a play. We are also working on a reading/writing workshop on the friendly letter. We will also write friendly letters.

Please have your child read at least 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 13 "Reading-Writing Workshop"

Wednesday's Test

been caught do little myself
name of quit she time to too
went what write *right *thought
**family **why **program

Friday's Test

1. We will try to find a large hotel in this city.
2. Do you want you to write to the little girl who has been here?
3. I thought she went to the right house on time too.
4. I did quit on the day I was caught by myself in that room.

You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,

<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36284> Please practice for these tests.

MATH

In math we will measure lengths and distances to the nearest inch and centimeter, adding 2- and 3-digit numbers, using estimation to check if answers are reasonable, sharing solution strategies for finding the sum of 2-digit numbers mentally, using base-10 blocks to add two 2-digit numbers, practicing addition fact extensions,

estimating sums by changing the addends to "close but easier" numbers, and completing an unit test. We will have a money test on Monday, an addition/subtraction facts test on Tuesday and Thursday, a clock test on Wednesday, and a math concepts quiz on Thursday.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on alphabetical order, exact nouns, dictionary skills, special nouns, web notes, and note taking. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

In science we are discussing how the Sun shines on the Earth, that the Sun is a star that gives Earth heat and light, and how the Earth rotates on its axis and how this rotation causes day and night. Science vocabulary for this unit is: rotate, axis, Sun, orbit, and equator.

In social studies we are discussing Thanksgiving.

CLASSROOM PROJECTS

The children have earned \$10.02 toward the purchase of an Operation USO Care Package. These packages are created and delivered to members of the U.S. Armed Forces deployed around the world to show them they have not been forgotten and to provide a 'touch of home'. With the money we collect and earn we will sponsor care packages and include a personal message of support and encouragement. These USO Care Packages at a minimum, include requested items such as prepaid worldwide phone cards, sunscreen, travel size toiletries, disposable camera and a message from the donor thanking them for their service and sacrifice. The children are earning a penny for every "star" paper or "A" paper. The children may also bring in donations for this project.



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COMPUTER PROJECTS

We are working on Accelerated Reader and Sumdog. Your child may also wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites that we sometimes use during computer time. The url is <http://www.portaportal.com> You may login under guest as class7 to view the various websites. This page will grow as we add more websites.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Student Day - 8:45 A.M. - 3:10 P.M.
Lunch - 11:10 - 11:30 A.M.
Recess - 11:30 - 11:45 A.M.
Monday - Gym 1:50 - 2:40 P.M.
Tuesday - Music 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday - Intervention Gym 10:40 - 10:55 A.M.
Thursday - Library 2:15 - 2:45 P.M.
Friday - Art
Computer Lab - 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.
Nov. 26-30 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break
FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

Please remember to send your child's lunch/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.

Please remember to look at the papers your child brings home in his/her blue weekly 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.

Since this week's homework involves a project and a story, it is not due until next Wednesday, November 25th.

Several children are borrowing pencils, erasers, and crayons from me and other students. Please ask your child if they

need pencils, erasers, and crayons. We use pencils, erasers, and crayons every day.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the parents who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday and Tuesday. I enjoyed meeting with you and sharing information about your child. If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school - 466-4831, ext. 6002 or e-mail (school - roberta.gray@neomin.org).

Roberta Gray