



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on th, wh, sh, ch, contractions and suffixes. We will work on these sounds in our guided reading groups in our phonics readers, "Sunshine for the Circus" and "Mother's Day Parade on Park Street".

In reading our new theme is "Around Town". Our first story in our anthology is "Chinatown". We are working on the strategy of summarizing, making judgments, and scheduling reading. High frequency words are during, heard, lion, and winter. Vocabulary words are apartment, delivery, handcarts, restaurant, market, and celebrations.

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 12 "Chinatown"

both catch chase crash crashes
dish sheep teach teeth than them
then wash when which

*lunch *whistle **move **right
**baseball

We will have a practice spelling word test on Tuesday, a word test on Wednesday, and a sentence test on Friday. Children who receive a 100% on the Tuesday practice test (including the challenge words) will not have to take the Wednesday word test. The challenge words this week are worth 2 points each on the word test.

Friday's test

1. Dad often munches on olives for a snack.
2. When will both of the dogs chase the sheep?
3. Which boy will whistle for his lunch and then wash the dish for us?
4. He will teach his dog to catch the ball and not crash it into his teeth.

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

http://www.spellingcity.com/index.php?option=com_spellcity&Itemid=122&task=viewList&listId=36276

Please practice for these tests.

MATH

In math we will explore reading temperatures on a thermometer, read and show temperatures and solve number stories about temperature changes, use estimation to solve problems for which an exact answer is not necessary, develop strategies for adding 2-digit numbers mentally, identify the place value in two-digit numbers, and use parts-and-total diagrams to solve multi-digit addition problems. 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 Friday.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on alphabetical order, naming words or nouns, compound subjects, scenes, and exact nouns. We will continue to review statements, questions, commands, exclamations, and punctuation in sentences, stories, and letters. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

In science we are exploring dinosaur bones, exploring what happens to animals when they cannot meet their needs, understanding extinction as well as the role of humans in a population's extinction, understanding endangered animals and the role that humans can play in protecting a species, and completing an unit review and test. Science vocabulary is: fossil, paleontologist, skeleton, extinct, and endangered.

In social studies we are discussing Veteran's Day.

CLASSROOM PROJECTS

The children earned \$4.98 this week toward the purchase of an Operation USO Care Package. These packages are created and



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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.

COMPUTER PROJECTS

We are working on Mathtek and sumdog.com. 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.

Tuesday - Parent/Teacher Conf.

Wednesday - Veteran's Day Program

Wednesday - Intervention Gym 10:40 - 10:55

A.M.

Wednesday - Cultural Exchange with Grand River Academy Students - 1:50 - 2:20 P.M.

Thursday - Library 2:15-2:45 P.M.

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.

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. 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