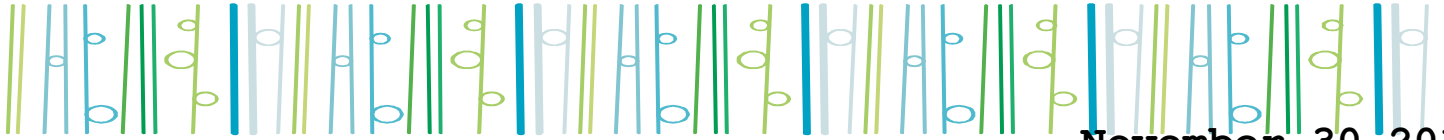


1st Grade Safari News



November 30, 2018

What's been happening in our classroom this week?

Week 17

In math, we are learning mentally find 10 more or 10 less than a number, without having to count. Students are using their knowledge of skip counting and a hundreds chart to automatically find 10 more or 10 less without having to use our strategies to figure it out. They are reminded to use their strategies to double check their answers. For example, 10 more than 65 is 75.

In Reading, we've been reading informational texts to determine and identify the main topic (what the text is mostly about) and support it by using key details (facts that we learned from the text). We are learning to underline our key details in the text as a way of "highlighting" our facts to prove that it is a key detail from the text (and not made up).

In Social Studies, we are learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world in different countries and cultures. This week, we've been studying Kwanzaa.

In Writing, we are learning to indent and start our writing with a topic sentence and use temporal words (First, Next, Then, Last) to add our supporting details. We are focusing on writing informational or how-to writing pieces this quarter. We are practicing how to proofread/edit our work by color coding. We circle capitals with green, end punctuation with red, underlining nouns with yellow and underlining adjectives with black. Most students have a goal of writing 4 complete sentences on their own this quarter.

Character Counts Pillar: Responsibility

New ILP goals were sent home today! Please sign the November spot on the envelope and return on Monday, 12/3 for a Cubs Cash!

Please make sure your child is reading TO you every night for at least 15 minutes!

Document it on the Reading Log.



Dates to Remember:

Dec. 13~Holiday Store shopping for students with money only!

Dec. 20~Holiday rotations

Dec. 21~Dismissal @ 11:30am

Dec. 22-Jan. 7~Winter Break!



Homework is given out on Fridays and is due the following Friday!

Students will receive 5 Dojo points for turning in completed HW on time.



A Look Ahead to Next Week:

Reading: Main topic & key details~informational text

Trick Words: fly, give, good, her, little, our, try, was

CHALLENGE Words: Hanukkah, dreidel

Phonics: Suffixes (-s); glued sounds (-ang, -ing, -ong, -ung)

Writing: Commas; Nouns; informative writing

Math: Mentally adding & subtracting 10 to a number

Science/Social Studies:

Holidays around the world

Citizenship: self-control; responsibility