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Curriculum Notes

Literature: We will continue identifying characters, setting, problem and solution in stories we read. We will work on understanding the job of the author and illustrator in both fiction and nonfiction texts. We will use illustrations and pictures to make predictions and to increase our understanding of what is occurring in a book.

Reading: We are meeting with reading groups daily. We are working on letter identifications, high frequency words, phonemic awareness, letter sounds and reading strategies. Comprehension skills are also stressed. A program of instruction is planned based on each child's reading needs. These groups will be flexible as the student's abilities advance.

Math: We will work on number recognition and equal and unequal amounts. The children will compare sets using math vocabulary such as: more, less, fewer and equal. We will work on counting with one-to-one correspondence and counting on from any given number. We will also work on modeling numbers in a variety of ways (set of objects, tally marks, pictures, etc.)

Writing: We will be working on understanding sentence structure using nouns and verbs. We will be building and writing sentences using nouns and verbs. We will also begin to work on adding punctuation and capital letters appropriately in our writing. Both standard and inventive spelling will be emphasized.

Science/Social Studies/ELM: In social studies will be studying rules and responsibilities of people in school and in society and the reasons for these rules. We will also continue studying community helpers and their role in our society. In science we will begin studying how plants change through different seasons and the needs of plants and living things. We will also learn about Thanksgiving by focusing on Native Americans and Pilgrims.

Important Dates



- November 1 - 2nd marking period begins, PTA Meeting November 3- Study Circles Session 2- 6:30pm
- November 4 - Ident-A-Kid Program November 5- Daylight Savings begins
- November 10- Study Circles Session 3- 6:30
- November 10/11 - Early Release Day (@1pm) - Parent Conferences

- November 14- Study Circles Session 4- 6:30pm
- November 21- Grandparents Day 9:30-11:15am
- November 23 - Early Release Day

- November 18 - Turkey Bingo 6:30-9pm
- November 24/25- Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 29 - Chorus Concert at Gibbs- 7pm

