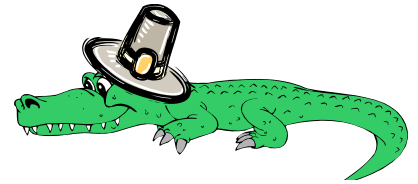


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### Coming Events

- November 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Begins
  - Grade Level Newsletters Go Home
  - 6:30pm PTA Meeting
- November 3
- 6:30pm Study Circle Session 2
- November 4
- 10:45am Indent-a-Kid
- November 5
- Daylight Savings Time Begins; Set clocks back by one hour
- November 10
- 9:30am Flag Ceremony
  - 1:00pm Early Dismissal
  - Report Cards Go Home
  - Parent Conferences
  - 6:30pm Study Circle Session 3
- November 11
- 1:00pm Early Dismissal
  - Parent Conferences
- November 17
- 10:45am-2:00pm Strathmore Field Trip
  - 6:30pm Study Circle Session 4
- November 18
- 6:30pm-9:00pm PTA Turkey Bingo
- November 21
- 9:30am-11:00am Grandparents Tea
- November 23
- 1:00pm Early Dismissal
- November 24
- No School—Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 25
- No School
- November 29
- 7:00pm Chorus Concert at Gibbs ES

### Reading

This month we will focus on:

#### Independent Reading

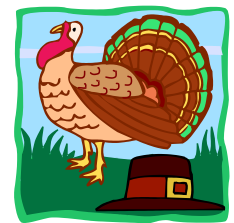
- Fluency
- Reading with expression using plays
- Use organization and delivery strategies
- Explore comprehension of different genres

#### Reading for Literary Experience

- Story Structure
- Play structure
- Character traits
- Cause and effect
- Evaluating titles

#### Reading to be Informed

- Identifying Text Features
- Determining types of questions
- Creating questions
- Reorganizing information



### Spelling

This month in spelling we will continue working with second grade high frequency words. We will also work on identifying homophones, prefixes, and suffixes.

#### Daily Oral Language Skills

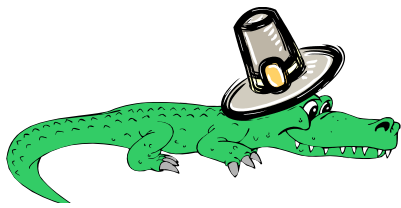
We will continue practicing grammar, usage, and punctuation.

### Writing

We will begin working on writing to inform. This month we will learn:

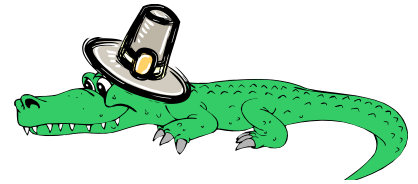
- ❖ How writers select topics
- ❖ How writers revise, edit, and publish
- ❖ Using text features to find and represent information in writing





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### Science

As we finish our balance and weighing unit, we will begin to explore our Curriculum 2.0 unit for next year—Classifying Matter. We will spend some time identifying and describing natural features found on Earth and compare them to the properties of Earth materials.



### Social Studies

We will begin our first unit on Political Systems in Action. We will learn about democracies, how U.S. culture can be represented in different ways. We will establish a historical setting based upon the Wampanoag tribe. We will explore their heritage, culture, skills, and community practices.



### Important Notes

- Don't forget to sign up for a parent teacher conference with your child's reading teacher if you have not already done so. If you did not get a chance to set up a conference, please contact your child's reading teacher. You will get comments from their math teacher, and can always schedule a separate appointment about math if you have any concerns.
- As the weather changes please remember to send your child to school with jackets, scarves, hats, and gloves for outdoor recess.

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### Thank You

Thanks for all your contributions to our classrooms with volunteering, donations, and helping at the Halloween class parties. Your support always makes a positive difference!

