

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Reading:

They will be identifying story elements as well as character traits and how these elements affect the story. Later this month we will be focusing on main ideas and important events from fiction texts. The students will also be using nonfiction texts to identify the main idea and key details of the text.

Writing:

Students will be writing informational paragraphs using artifacts and interviews brought from home. They will be writing narratives about family traditions later in the month.

Math:

Students will be using multiple representations to show the meaning of the equal sign and various addition and subtraction strategies. They will also use these strategies to solve a variety of word problems.

Social Studies:

In this quarter, students will examine the traditions and customs of other cultures and begin to discuss their own family traditions.

Science:

The students are classifying objects according to their material (metal, glass, plastic, etc.) and exploring the properties of these materials. They are also exploring cause and effect as it relates to motion and force.

Parent Conferences:

Please make every effort to attend your scheduled parent-teacher conference this month. You should have received a confirmation of the date and time from your child's reading teacher.

Report Cards:

In order to recognize learning skills achievement, students in grades K-5 with all "I's" on their learning skills will receive a blue award sticker on their report card.

Backpacks, home folders, homework and reading books:

Please make sure your child brings his/her back pack, home folder and any reading books that were sent home to school every day! It is very difficult for your child to stay organized and on task if they do not have these items everyday. Please remember that homework is due on Friday. If your child has lost his/her homework please notify their teacher as soon as possible for another copy.

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Important Dates:

11/1: Second marking period begins; Newsletters go home; 6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting
11/3: 6:30 p.m. Study Circles Session 2
11/4: 10:45 a.m. Ident-A-Kid Program
11/5: Daylight Savings Time Begins; Set clocks back by one hour
11/10: 9:30 a.m. Flag Ceremony with American Legion for fifth grade students; Report cards go home; 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal; Parent conferences; 6:30 p.m. Study Circle Session 3
11/11: 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal; Parent conferences
11/17: 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Grade 2 to Strathmore for concert; 6:30 p.m. Study Circle Session 4
11/18: 6:30-9:00 p.m. PTA Turkey Bingo
11/21: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Grandparents' Day Tea
11/23: 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal
11/24 and 11/25: Thanksgiving Holiday! No School for Students and Staff!
11/29: 7:00 p.m. Chorus Concert at Gibbs ES

Book-It!

Our school-wide reading incentive program continues. Students will receive a November reading calendar. The goal for 1st graders is to read 10-20 minutes each day and color the calendar. These books can also be written on the weekly reading log that is part of the homework packet.