



What will we be learning this month with the integrated curriculum?

READING

In reading, students are learning how to retell important events and facts from fiction and non-fiction books. They are also going to complete an author study of books by Donald Crews.

How can you help at home?

Have your child read a book with you at home. Then have them tell you about all the events or important facts they learned.

WRITING

In writing, students are learning how to give and receive feedback when writing. They are learning how to use illustrations, interesting words, and correct writing conventions to clearly get their message across.

How can you help at home?

Have your child write a letter to a family member telling them all about a recent event at home. Then edit the letter together to include specific details, a detailed picture, and correct punctuation.

PHONICS

Students are learning how to sort, write, and read words in a word family. Some of the word family chunks are -ell, -est, -op, -ock, -ug, and -up. Being able to identify the word family chunk will help them read and write multiple words.

How can you help at home?

Play a word game with your child. Say a word from one of the word families above like "best". See if your child can say another word that has the same word family rhyme like "nest".

Unifying Questions

1. How does organizing ideas help you learn?
2. How does using what you already know help you learn?
3. How can you develop a big idea by putting multiple facts together?

Vocabulary Words

Longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, life cycle, external features

MATH

Students are learning to skip count to 100 by 10s. They are also beginning to learn how to measure the length and weight of objects using non-standard tools like paper clips, cubes, and other classroom objects.

How can you help at home?

Find 2 household objects and "measure" them using a pencil. Ask your child "About how many pencils long is this item?" "Which one is longer or shorter?"

SCIENCE

Students will be discussing the life cycle of the darkling beetle. They will identify all 4 life stages including the egg, larva, pupa, and adult beetle. Students will also be learning about different plants and animals found in Maryland.

How can you help at home?

Go for a nature walk through the neighborhood. Identify what plants you see and how you can tell them apart by their external features.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will be learning about how people adapt their environment to satisfy their wants and needs. For example; we build shelters to protect our bodies. They will also learn that people need to make choices because we cannot have everything we want.

How can you help at home?

When you go to the grocery store show your child how you make a choice between different items because we cannot buy everything at the store.

January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
NO SCHOOL-New Years 2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14
		Chess Presentation 6:30-7:45pm			
NO SCHOOL-MLK Day 16	17	18	19	20	21
NO SCHOOL- 23 Teacher Work Day	24	Parent Enrichment 25 Night 6:30-8:30pm	26	27	PTA Yard Sale 28 @ Pine Crest 9-1
30	31				

February

		Report Cards & Data 1 Notebooks Sent Home	2	3	
6	PTA meeting 7 7-8:30pm	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day 20	21	22	Pizza Bingo Night 23 7-8:30pm	24	
27	28				

REMINDER: As we get colder weather, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with a jacket, hat and gloves. Please be sure to LABEL all items with your child's name so nothing gets misplaced.