

**Travilah  
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**Attendance**

Attendance is a key factor in helping your child excel. Please make sure that your child is at school everyday, unless he/she is ill. Trips and vacations are considered unexcused absences. Unexcused absences make learning very difficult for children. Absences from school interfere with a child's ability to learn, absorb, and internalize skills and material. We want your children here so that they may reach their potential.

**Reminder**

Please send a healthy snack each day with your child.

**Tidbits**

As the cold and flu season is approaching, we are using Lysol Disinfectant Wipes to ward off germs. All classes are in need of more of the wipes. We appreciate any contributions. Thank you for your generosity.

Parent conferences are coming. Please be prompt to assist the teachers with remaining on schedule. This time provides an opportunity for the parents and the teachers to share valuable information about the students. We look forward to meeting with you.

**Dates to Remember!**

- November 12th & 13th—Parent Conferences—Early Release
- November 14th—Report Cards Distributed
- November 21st—Early Release for Thanksgiving
- November 22nd & 23rd Thanksgiving Holiday—No School
- November 30th—Strathmore Hall Field Trip

# Curriculum Highlights

## Reading & Language Arts:

We are reading non-fiction books with a focus on text features. Students are learning about captions, the table of contents, indices, labels, charts and graphs. It is important to know these characteristics, in order to obtain information quickly and accurately. Comprehension will continue to be a focus as we use these text features. Please continue to encourage your child to read a book of their choice independently *every night* for at least 20 minutes. Focus on the main idea of the book, by having your child retell the story and focus on the topic, details, and the most important information.

## Mathematics:

The children will be classifying numbers up to 20 as odd or even. They will be adding and subtracting two digit numbers within 100. When the children subtract within 100 they will subtract a 2 digit number from a 2 digit number without decomposing a 10. Concrete models, drawings, number lines, and place value strategies will be the written methods used to show addition. Mental strategies will be used to show addition and subtraction within 20.



The main idea is the most important point the author makes to the reader. As the students write, they will introduce a topic and develop points related to their topic. We will also discuss word choice and sentence fluency.

In Language Arts the students will be learning how to expand and rearrange sentences. We will also focus on spelling patterns.



## Science

The students will identify ways to classify objects after making a collection of things that have something in common. They will learn that most things are made of parts. Through using classification skills, students will understand the relationship between the parts and the function of the whole.

## Social Studies

After learning about the first Thanksgiving, the students will gather information and compare the cultures of the Wampanoag Indians and the Pilgrims. The children will be introduced to places on the Earth: the equator, poles, continents, oceans, and countries.

