



Reminders

Specialist Schedule:

- Day 1 - Media
- Day 2- Music
- Day 3 - STEM
- Day 4 - Phy. Ed.
- Day 5- Art

Happy Birthday!

No November Birthdays!

Homework:

Reading Logs are sent home every Friday and are due the following Friday. Expect Math homework most nights, as well as Spelling and Reading Group work.

Science/Social Studies

In Social Studies, we learned about early English settlements in North America, including the "Lost Colony" of Roanoke, Jamestown and Plymouth Settlement. We learned about why people settled in these places and why some of the colonies did not succeed.

In Science, We have started our Environments unit. So far, we have been observing mealworms and trying to find the answer to what a mealworm needs to survive. We have learned about differences between biotic and abiotic factors and how they effect ecosystems and biomes.



Happy Thanksgiving!

News from Room 205



November 2016



Upcoming Events

1. Nov. 23rd-25th: Thanksgiving Holiday
2. Nov. 28th Midwest Food Connection with Ms. Emily
3. Dec. 2nd Kids Night Out fundraiser for camping trip

Reading

Our small guided reading groups, or "book clubs" continue. Students have been doing a nice job discussing the chapter books they are reading at their respective reading levels and getting accustomed to asking questions relating to the text, as well as responding to questions provided by their teacher and classmates. We continue to use Partner Reading to help us improve both our reading fluency and comprehension. We continue to make connections and summarize our independent Reading selections in our Reading Response Journals everyday.

Writing

We continue to work on consistency in maintaining structure and grammar while writing. The students have explored writing in the 1st (I), 2nd (you), and 3rd (he, she, they) person narrative while editing and refining their writing using "Focus Correction Areas," including writing in complete sentences and organizing stories from beginning, middle and end.

Math

In Math, we continue our work in Unit 2, Rational Numbers 1, where we are exploring fractions. We have worked strategies in adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators as well as being able to model and explain our answers effectively. We have also learned about fraction/decimal/percent conversions.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Thanksgiving! During this time of the year, I am reminded of all that I am grateful for, not the least of which is what a joy it is to work with you and your children. Let me reiterate how I appreciate each and every one of them.

We have met with our Kindergarten buddies a couple of times and the 5th graders continue to take to their role as mentors to the younger kids! Today we made "Turkey Hats" with our buddies and both Kindergartners and 5th Graders looked quite "dashing" in their new head gear.:-) The kids were to write 4 things that they were thankful for on "feathers" and there were quite a few kindergartners that wrote down their 5th grade buddy as someone they were thankful for.:-) The 5th graders also did a nice job writing poems about what they were thankful for.

We had a lovely time at the Minnesota Zoo! Besides touring the zoo and working on a scavenger hunt, we met with a naturalist and discussed the interdependence of both biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) factors in a healthy ecosystem. The students did a great job! **Special thanks** to all the parents that helped and did a fantastic job chaperoning our field trip. It was appreciated by both teacher and students! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

All the best,

Mr. Nannemann

