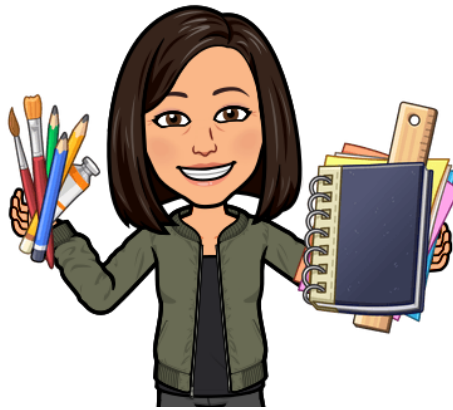


CLASSROOM UPDATES



OCTOBER 2–13, 2023

LITERACY

Reader's Workshop: Fiction Unit

We will be moving on to our next reading unit, a study of fiction. Mini-lessons will have students identifying story elements, determining character traits, and examining point of view. We will also be exploring elements of both historical fiction and fairy tales, and working on identifying the theme of a story. Students should continue to read for at least 30 minutes each night. As students finish reading a book, they are encouraged to share their books with classmates through a brief book talk. This can be done in person or on our class "Book Talk" Flipgrid found on Google Classroom. Book recommendations are a great way to find your next good book!

We are in the process of setting up our October book clubs. Students have selected one of the following books to read with a small group of classmates– Rules, Out of My Mind, The Thing about Georgie, Anything But Typical, or Project Mulberry. All books share a common theme of exploring differences and showing empathy. As a group, students will be creating a reading schedule for their book. **Book clubs will meet weekly on Wednesdays– October 11, October 18, October 25 and November 1, to discuss the scheduled reading for that week.**

Writer's Workshop: The Writing Process

In this unit, students are working through the publishing process. Each student selected a piece from our opening unit to publish. We are currently working through a series of revision assignments to improve our writing. We will share our stories with classmates and use peer feedback to make additional revisions. The unit will wrap with a writing celebration to share our final work with friends, and with you at conferences!

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 2: Fractions and Mixed Numbers

In this unit, students will be learning about the relationship between fractions, mixed numbers, and division expressions. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators.

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 2: Fractions and Decimals

Students continue to learn about multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Students will also be reviewing/learning about adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

HISTORY

Colonization of America

We begin our first Social Studies unit with a study of the colonization of America. We will launch the unit with a Breakout called “The Lost Colony of Roanoke” as we begin to discuss the many reasons Europeans chose to settle in the New World and the challenges they faced along the way. Over the next two weeks, we will be comparing the three colonial regions– the New England colonies, the Middle colonies, and the Southern colonies. We will look to answer the following questions: Who settled each colony and why? How did the land and resources influence their way of life? What type of economy emerged in each area? What types of government formed in each colony and in what ways did the colonists participate in the government?

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ October 2 Picture Day
- ✓ October 4 Walk To School Day (ALL SCHOOL picture at 8:55AM before heading inside!)
- ✓ October 6 NWSRA Ability Awareness Event 1:30–3:30 PM
- ✓ October 12–13 No School: Parent–Teacher Conferences
- ✓ October 16 Happy Birthday, Ellie!
- ✓ October 31 Halloween Parade and Parties

If at any time you or your child have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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