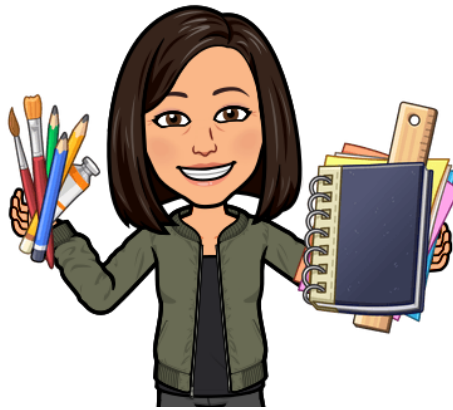


CLASSROOM UPDATES



OCTOBER 16–27, 2023

LITERACY

Reader's Workshop: Fiction Unit

We will be moving on to our next reading unit this week, 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.

October book clubs are up and running. 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. **Remaining book club meetings will be on Wednesdays– October 18, October 25 and November 1, to discuss the scheduled reading for that week.**

Writer's Workshop: Personal Narrative

In this four week unit, students will learn about personal narrative and write about significant topics and events from their lives. We will focus our mini-lessons on including sensory details, maintaining consistency in verb tenses, and writing engaging openings and effective endings.

MATH IN FOCUS with MRS. McLOONE

Unit 2: Fractions and Mixed Numbers

In this unit, students have been learning about the relationship between fractions, mixed numbers, and division expressions. They are learning how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. **There is a U2 test scheduled on Friday, October 20.**

BIG IDEAS MATH with MRS. CIONI

Unit 3: Algebraic Expressions and Properties

In this short unit, students will write and evaluate algebraic expressions, and find the GCF in algebraic expressions. Students will also learn to apply the Commutative, Associative, and Distributive Properties to show expressions are equivalent.

HISTORY

Colonization of America

We will be finishing presentations on the early colonies this week. Students have been working on note-taking skills as we compare the different resources, economies, and governments of different colonial regions.

Slavery in the Americas

This chapter will focus on the introduction of slavery in the Americas. During this unit, students will learn about the impact of the slave trade on West Africans in the 1500 and 1600's. We will learn about the hardships and difficult choices West Africans were forced to make as they were moved from West Africa to the Americas. We will discuss what life was like for enslaved people in America and how they worked together to keep hope alive during these unimaginable times.

UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ **October 16 Happy Birthday, Ellie!**
- ✓ **October 18–31 Fall Fun Countdown**
- ✓ **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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