

Room K-1 News – November 2019

Reading



Our next unit is called Looking Closely. K-1 readers have been paying attention to many details as they read and story-tell. Next, they will be looking closely at pictures and noticing characters' feelings. They are practicing matching their voice to those feelings.

I recently introduced the term "snap words." These are words they have seen over and over again in the books and poems we have read. Eventually, they start to recognize these words and know them in a SNAP. They are also known as popcorn words or sight words. They have become experts on many of these words such as "the" and continue to find them everywhere!

Writing



In our next writing unit, we will be "looking closely" in writing as well. K-1 writers will write looking closely books with topics such as things in nature, transportation, and animals. The focus is on a strong representational drawing to include K coloring for their cover. For each page to follow, they will use their looking closely "camera" to zoom in on one part to draw. The drawing then gets a label. They are doing great with their beginning sounds. The beginning sound is followed by a "magic line" for letters they do not know. Next they are asked to try for the ending sound as well. We will begin to work toward two word labels (e.g. green stem, smooth petal, two leaves). The word green may look like: g____n.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Math

We have been busy with counting activities. We will do more comparing as we "grab, count, compare" sets of objects. In addition, we are comparing lengths to include our names. Next, we will compare heights to include ourselves. Please continue supporting your child's number sense by doing the frog jobs at home. Feel free to vary the games and activities as needed.

School Wide Reminders



11/22: School Store & Pajama Day

11/27: Early Dismissal... Happy Thanksgiving!

12/4, 12/11, 12/12: Conferences, Early Dismissal

From the Teacher



We will be making a family tree with pictures of students with their families for a display. Can you please send in a picture of your family for our class tree by next Wednesday, November 13th? I will return it to you once we are done with the display. For various family situations, you are welcome to send more than one picture. It is important for students to learn about all different families, and to see their families as special and unique.

In celebration of Thanksgiving and in the spirit of giving and sharing we will be making a "Friendship Fruit Salad" on Wednesday November 27th. Please send in a Ziploc bag or small container of fresh washed and cut fruit (about one cup). We will combine all of the fruit and make a fruit salad that is enough for all K-1 friends to share!

Best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving!

~Mrs. Rosina Marquis ☺

CLASSROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign up for a conference by Friday, 11/15. I look forward to meeting with you. Unfortunately, our time together is short and staying on schedule is important for everyone. Thank you for understanding.

*Kindergarten had a successful food drive. Thanks so much for supporting our local food pantry. Our school has other ways to donate to various causes throughout the year. It's a great opportunity to teach our children about community support and kindness.

*I will be collecting labels from boxes of food as we look ahead to our work with environmental print. Please cut out the names of various items on your food boxes and other labels, as well as newspaper ads at home (e.g., Rice Krispies, Campbell's, Target, Walgreens, Legos, My Little Pony). These are words that students see all around them. These include road signs, store/restaurant signs, labels on food packages, etc. Students recognize the words on these items, even if they are not 'reading' the words. Next time you drive around or look through newspaper ads, ask your child if they can read any stores, restaurants, items, or street signs. I will be collecting these items until Thanksgiving break. Thanks!