

KINDERGARTEN

BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What did we do these past two weeks?

In Math... Students continued to learn about 2D shapes. Students worked in groups to investigate an assigned shape and together looked for that shape in our classroom environment. Students also joined different shapes together to create new shapes. It was great to see how students worked together to problem solve. Furthermore, students sorted regular and irregular shapes. Ask your child to tell you what an irregular shape is?

In Reading... Students continued to learn about different strategies readers use when reading books. When readers get stuck on a difficult word: they look at the pictures for clues; they get their lips ready to say the first sound; and they stretch out the sounds to read the word. Students also learned that readers read from cover-to-cover and page-by-page in order not to skip any important information, especially in a non-fiction text. In addition, students practiced making predications about a book by looking at its front cover, back cover and its title. To continue learning about our author of the month, Mem Fox, we read another book she wrote. Afterwards, students made personal connections to the feelings a character had in the story.

In Writing... We continued to browse through non-fiction books about pumpkins and learned many facts about pumpkins. After becoming an expert at pumpkins, students wrote their first non-fiction book about pumpkins. To celebrate their efforts, we shared our published books with 2nd grade students. During the writing process, we worked on sounding out words in our writing, making spaces between words and using a period at the end of our sentences.

In Social Science... We began a unit about the past and the present. So far, we have sorted pictures from the past and the present and talked about how things have changed in the world. We also talked about how people change throughout time and looked at Mrs. Panek's photos from the past to discuss how the teacher has changed over time. We also learned about Veterans Day and Skyped with a Senior Airmen from the Air Force.

In Social Emotional Learning (SEL)... We learned how to solve problems with our peers. Instead of using hands or telling a teacher, we use words and tell our friends what is bothering us. Afterwards, we listen and think of ways to solve the problem. Although that is a difficult skill, our students are really working hard on solving their problems by themselves before coming to a teacher.

In Art... We drew a mosaic using straight lines. Afterwards, we found 3 sided shapes, 4 sided shapes, and 5 sided shapes in the mosaic and colored them with different art tools.

In Technology... Students continued to use Seesaw to post their work during literacy and math stations. Students were also introduced to RAZ-Kids. It's an online reading program. Logins and passwords went home last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Pictures Needed

To help us understand how people change over time, **we would like all students to bring in their baby picture to school.** We will use the baby pictures to compare how WE have changed over time. Please send the pictures to school by Monday, November 13th. Please make sure your child's name is on the back of the picture so we can return it to you.

Report Cards

On Friday, November 17th, your child will bring home their report card for the first trimester. Please review the report card and let me know if you have any questions. You may keep the report card but please return the white envelope back to school with your signature on the front. Thank you!



At Home...

- Practice naming 2D shapes: square, circle, rectangle, triangle, and hexagon
- Practice counting 1-50 with your child
- Practice tying shoes and zipping coats
- Practice rhyming words
- Read every day!

Poetry Binders/ Book Bags...

Poetry binders will come home today, Friday, November 10th. Please have your child read the poems making sure they point to the words they are reading. Poetry binders need to come back to school on Monday.

Dates to Remember...

Every Wednesday is a 2:35 Dismissal

- Nov. 17th – Report Cards go home; WEAR Forest View Spirit Wear or Green
- Nov. 21st – Early Dismissal (2:35pm); WEAR Fall Colors for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 22nd – No School
- Nov. 23rd – No School: Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 24th – No School