

September 2017

Literacy

- Establishing routines for classroom behavior, Daily 5, and writers workshop
- Daily Read Alouds

Sight Words:

Week 1 & 2 ~ Classmates Names

Week 3 ~ the, of, and, to, a

Week 4 ~ in, is, that, it, was

CAFÉ (Reading Strategies):

Comprehension – Check for Understanding, Retell Beginning, Middle, End

Accuracy – Use the Pictures, Use Beginning & Ending Sounds

Fluency – Good Fit Books, Voracious Reading

Expanding Vocabulary – Tune Into Interesting Words, Voracious Reading

Writing:

Ideas

Prewriting/Drawing

Writing Folders

Conventions of Writing ~ left to right, upper & lower case letters, punctuation, sight words, approximate spelling

Math

In Math, our first unit is Measurement. This unit has lots of hands on and movement during learning activities so it's a great way to start our year.

During our measurement unit we will learn to:

- Relate the number of days to a week and the number of months to a year in a problem solving context.
- Relate the size of a unit of measure to the number of units (limited to non-standard units) used to measure length and mass (weight).
- Compare and order objects by length, height, distance around and mass (weight) using non-standard units, and make statements of comparison.
- Measure length to the nearest non-standard unit by using multiple copies of a unit and using a single copy of a unit

- Demonstrate that changing the orientation of an object does not alter the measurements of its attributes.

We will meet these outcomes using a variety of activities, which include whole class and small group instruction. We use centers, games, journal entries, manipulatives, visuals, read alouds, websites, and partner work. The main math resource for this unit is “Math Makes Sense.”

We will also be reviewing math fact strategies. We will focus on ‘counting on’ as a first strategy. I will send more information home about this strategy and some math card games you can try at home. We will also be using XTRA math in the classroom and I will send information home on how you can use this program at home as well.

You & Your World

In You & Your World, the focus in September is ‘all about me’. We look at feelings, getting along with others, each child’s unique abilities, and forming friendships. We will also be learning about patterns of growth and physical changes that occur during the different stages of life. We use journaling, read alouds, class discussions, and group work.