



Dear Families,

Due to the snow days, we fell a few days behind in our work. We will be playing catch up and finishing our unit on Rome for the next two days. The kids have been working on their Roman menu, Roman myth summaries, and a focused research project. They are currently finishing their final projects for Rome Day. We hope that you can join us for our Rome Celebration on Tuesday, November 3, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. There will be a few presentations of skits and newscasts followed by a museum of posters and brochures. After the presentations, we will have games and activities. Thank you to all the volunteers helping out on Rome Day or sending in food. We couldn't do it without you.

Our next unit will be on Astronomy. The kids will learn that our Earth and Solar System are a tiny part of a vast, expanding universe which consists of billions of galaxies. Look for more information in our next newsletter.

Both classes will be starting to discuss questioning as a reading skill. The goal is to use questions to facilitate conversations about books. Questioning helps students with critical thinking and challenges their group members to think of the answers. The classes will learn that there are different types of questions. Some come directly from the text and have one answer. These are called "Right There" or "Direct Questions". Another type are "inferential questions" that can have different answers from the story, while "evaluative questions" are when your own opinion is required. Reading comprehension is the focus of third grade and questioning extends their understanding of text.

Next week, we will be finishing our third unit in Everyday Math. Next, we will be starting the Math unit, "Multiplication and Division." This unit involves multiples of equal groups, equal sharing, and equal grouping. In second grade, the children worked with basic multiplication and division number stories. We will be continuing that work in

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third grade using arrays, mental math, algorithms, and memorization of facts. We will be taking weekly multiplication and division fact tests. Please help your kids study these facts each night as a part of their Math homework.

In Writing, we have been using mentor texts to model writing ideas. We have been working on proofreading skills using C.O.P.S. (Capitals, Oral, Punctuation, and Spelling). In all the kids' work, they are held accountable for Core Writing words (found in the back of the Word Book), words ending with -ed, doubling of consonants before adding -ing, contractions, capitals, and periods. Please reinforce this each time your child writes. Our latest story is based on a picture of a Halloween scene. The kids were able to work on story idea, mapping, character development, strong word choice, adding details, onomatopoeia, and a great strategy called, "Show, Don't Tell".

Only three more weeks until Thanksgiving Break! ☺

Sincerely,
Kimi Riter and Sara Weatherley



Upcoming Events

- November 3 – Rome Day
- November 4 – Students bring Science Fair projects to school to share with classmates
- November 5 – Open House for Science Fair 6:30 – 7:30
- November 6 – Science Fair in the morning
- November 11 - No school for kids
- November 13 - Report Cards go home
- November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break