



Mrs. Hunwick's First Facts

Language Arts/ Math

Language Arts: This month in Houghton Mifflin we are working on Theme 2. The strategies we are focusing on when we work on the Smart Board using FAST and during guided reading group time are summarizing, story structure, blending and comprehension. We continue to work on spelling and sounding out words by segmenting. The phonics sounds we are working on are short *o*, *e* and *u*. Word cards to work on were sent home last Thursday. If your child is bringing home the little white phonics books have them read it to you. They highlight the vowel and underline the consonants.

*Again, if your child can read these words please practice spelling the words. If your child can spell the words your child can practice writing complete sentences (capital letters, spaces, handwriting, punctuation) using these words.

***We began Readers' Workshop** and all the children shopped for a fiction and non-fiction book to keep in their Readers' Workshop Pocket here at school. They are learning the importance of books and how to read with a partner.

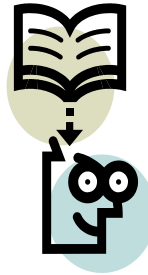
***In Making Meaning** we read McDuff and the Baby and while working on comprehension learned the

vocabulary words: *arrive, admire, hope and squirt*. We will be reading Chrysanthemum and will learn the words: *miserable, possession, humorous and beam*. The children practice using these words in a sentence.

***Writing:** We are currently working on widening writing possibilities into lists, letters and real world purposes. We have discovered that life presents many instances that call for writing and we have been creating examples of these small moments. The class also started the 2nd writing trait - *Organization*.

***Math:** We examined both sides of a nickel and penny and learned the value of a group of coins and we practiced using addition and subtraction number models. In Unit 3 students will learn about visual/number patterns, counting using addition, subtraction and frames and arrows.

**Homework: Mon-2.13,
Tues.-Test, Wed.-3.1,
Thurs.- 3.2**



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Picture re-take day is November 1st.
- ☺ Children come to school in their costumes Monday October 31st in the morning. Parade begins at 8:45 followed by the assembly at 9:00. From 9:45-10:20 is recess and class parties are from 10:20-11:30. School will be dismissed at 11:36. There is no school due to teacher meetings in the afternoon of the 31st.
- ☺ No school for students on Tuesday November 8th due to elections.
- ☺ Please make sure your child has their Take-Home Folder with them each day.
- ☺ Children are doing a great job reading, returning and obtaining new Bag-A-Books!
- ☺ Our classroom aid Mrs. Manikas is helping us with many tasks!!

Science/ Social Studies

***Science:** We continue to work on our year long study of weather. The children are charting the temperature and weather patterns. They learned about a thermometer and weather conditions. It is getting colder so make sure your child has the appropriate clothing for recess.

*We are currently working on Unit 2 -*In My Community* for **Social Studies**. This unit in-

troduces children to aspects of life in a community and helps children learn about their relationship to home, neighborhood, community and state. This topic falls under the umbrella of our Unit Needs and Wants of a family.

***In Computers** I have the children working on programs such as Study Dog, Colonial America, Kidspiration and Kid Keys.