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Mrs. Hunwick's First Facts

Language Arts/ Math

Dear Parents:

*In reading we continue to work in Theme Three. Each day the children use the Smart Board to correct spelling, find high frequency words, nouns, verbs and count the number of sentences in the morning message.

*The children also began to correct a sentence of the day. We call this Daily Written language.

*Please notice the word cards in your child's Take Home Folder.

*We completed our writing unit on "Launching the Writers' Workshop" and we are now engaging in the Small Moments: Personal Narrative Unit. In this study the children will work on how to expand their ideas with one small moment in time through teacher modeling, partnership planning and how to zoom in on the important details of their writing.

*The children have also been learning about the Six Traits of Writing and these lessons correlate with the writing lesson being taught for the day. We have completed Unit 1 - "Ideas". The children know how to focus on their topic and recognize details in a story. We started Unit 2-"Organization". The children are learning how important order in writing is, and to

stay on the trail or stay on their topic.

*In Math we are finishing Unit 3 and will have the test next Thursday. We will begin Unit 4 which concentrates on Measurement and Basic Facts. They will learn about standard and nonstandard units and telling time to the quarter-hour.



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Science/ Social Studies

*In Science we will be starting a unit about Solids and Liquids where the children will observe the properties of many solids and liquids comparing and contrasting the similarities and differences. They will organize their results in graphic organizers and communicate both orally and written their discoveries. * Our class began Unit 5 "This is Our Country" in Social Studies. The class is learning about Native Americans, early travelers to America, how the colonies became free, symbols of our country, choosing our leaders and how we celebrate holidays. These concepts are being taught through reading, writing, listening and speaking activities.

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Special points of interest:

- Please remember to send in a healthy snack for your child.
- In order for students to get a new Bag-A-Book they must bring the book back to school in the bag provided with the reading log.
- Practice tying shoes with your child if they do not know how yet.
- So School for students in the PM of November 23rd through November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!
- Evening Conferences on December 1st.
- So school Thursday December 2nd for students due to conferences.
- Report cards will be sent home on December 9th.