



First Grade Newsletter

Date: 11/09/2017

Report Card Information:

Many families have inquired about report cards and parent teacher conferences. This marking period ends November 21st. Your student's first report card will be going home Friday, December 1st. We will be having parent teacher conferences the following week. Please stay tuned for a conference schedule that will be coming your way!

Work Coming Home:

You may notice that your child is coming home, or may have already come home, with a few packets of work. Most of this work is independent work that is used outside of the academic block. This work is completed before class begins, or right after recess in order to give the students an opportunity to focus as well as a chance to work independently. Most of the core academic work is kept at school. We hold on to most of this work to demonstrate growth over time. We look forward to sharing some of this work with you at conference time!

Lamoille Area Cancer Network Fundraising Opportunity:

We have been given a unique opportunity to raise money for the Lamoille Area Cancer Network! Paige Collier, our part time paraprofessional/part time math specialist, has offered to help our first graders raise money through her and her husband's business. Paige and her husband own Fireside Engraving. You may have seen their work online or at local craft fairs. We thought this would be a great start to our fundraising efforts for LACN.

Literacy News:

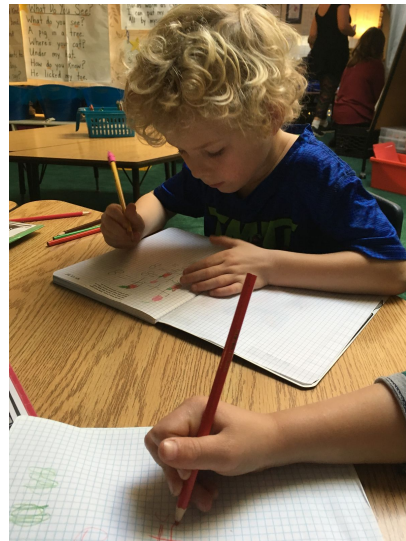
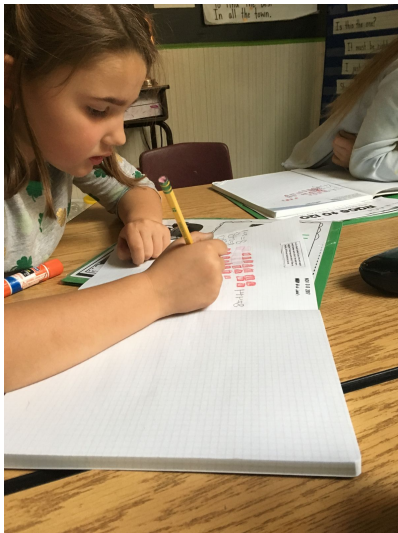
We are well into our Narrative Writing Unit. To reinforce this new learning, we have been reading mentor texts that support all of the things authors and illustrators do while creating their work. Narratives are true stories that the author has experienced. One of the big ideas from this unit is that the author focuses on small moments rather than a large chunk of time. You can help from home by brainstorming small moments that would turn into GREAT stories!

Math Updates:

We have had a wonderful week in math! Ask your child about our new workboard, or November's Calendar pieces that have kept us puzzled for days. The highlight of our week as teachers, has been working with small groups on specific skills.

Skills to Practice at Home:

- Telling Time to the Hour using an Analog Clock



Thank you for bringing in extra shoes! We are switching footwear before and after PE and recess. It has helped keep our classroom clean.

Looking Ahead:

- ★ November 13th - Original Works Fundraiser Due
 - ★ November 22nd-24th Thanksgiving Recess
 - ★ December 1st - Report Cards Issued
 - ★ December 5th - Early Dismissal (12:20)
 - ★ December 5th-8th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - ★ December 14th 6:00pm K-3 Winter Concert
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Thank you for completing our survey about the newsletter. If you were one of the families that would like to receive an electronic copy please signup below...

Your Name:

Student Name:

Email Address: