



Bungalow 26

Classroom News

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WALK-A-THON SPIRIT WEEK

Monday 10/16
Pajama Day
Tuesday 10/17
Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 10/18
Inside Out Day
Thursday 10/19
Multiple Color Day
Friday 10/20
Spirit Day

AUTHOR'S CELEBRATION- 10/23

First grade authors have penned amazing personal narratives over the past month. They have learned from mentor texts like Night of the Veggie Monster, mining the texts for tips on how to be master authors. Students used checklists to revise and edit their writing and they are ready to share their work with families!

SUN, MOON, & STARS

Our first science unit starts up this month as first graders will observe and investigate the patterns of the sun, moon, and stars. They will answer questions like, "Can a statue's shadow move?", "Can the sun help you find your way?", and "Where do the stars go at night?"

COMING UP

10/5: Fire Safety Assembly

10/9: No School
Professional Development
Day

10/12: Picture Day
9:35am

10/14: PTA Movie Night

10/16-20: Walk-A-Thon Spirit
Week

10/18: District Emergency Drill

10/18: PTA Meeting
7pm

10/20: Walk-A-Thon Assembly

10/22 Walk-A-Thon

10/23: Author's Celebration
11:00am

10/31: Halloween Parade
1:25pm



READING

October read alouds bring us some fall and Halloween favorites that allow students to practice important comprehension skills as a class and individually.

WEEK ONE: Pumpkin Circle

Strategy Focus: Ask & Answer Questions

Phonics: short i

WEEK TWO: The Moon Book

Strategy Focus: Nonfiction Text Features

Phonics: short o

WEEK THREE: The Scariest Book Ever

Strategy Focus: Illustrations are important!

Phonics: short u

WEEK FOUR: Creepy Carrots & Creepy Pair of Underwear

Strategy Focus: Compare & Contrast

Phonics: CVCe (silent e)

MATH

Our new math unit is all about addition. We will start with the idea of “part, part, whole” and number bonds to visually represent the idea of addition. From there we’ll move into many, MANY strategies for addition including counting on a number line, making a ten, using doubles facts, and adding in any order. The final week of the unit will focus exclusively on word problems.

WRITING

As we celebrate the end of a unit on personal narratives, students will now delve into a completely different genre of writing: nonfiction! Students will start by brainstorming things they are experts on and start to write books on those things adding features like a table of contents, picture captions, glossaries, diagrams, and maybe even an index! They will also learn how to revise and edit a nonfiction piece using a checklist similar to the one used when we wrote fiction. We look forward to sharing these expert books at another author’s celebration in November or December!

OTHER

Please check your email for a note that went out last week that had links for:

1. Parent-Teacher Conferences
2. Center Volunteers
3. Seesaw Signups

All of these are great ways to be involved in our class so please check them out!