



## Literacy

### Interactive Read-Alouds

We will listen to and discuss the following books:

**Text Set:** The Importance of **Kindness**

**Essential Question:** Why is it important to be kind to others?

**Texts:** *Jamaica Tag-Along Tag-Along* by Juanita Havill, *Wilfred Gordon MacDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox, *Mice and Beans* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, *Now One Foot, Now the Other* by Tomie dePaola & *Pet Show!* by Ezra Jack Keats



### Shared Reading

We will read the following text together:

**Texts:** *Home Sweet Home* by Stephen Krensky, *A Pig Tale* by Lionel Page, *Run Jump Swim: Poems About Animals - A Dog From New York & Creep, Crawl, Fly: Poems About Bugs - The Itsy Bitsy Spider*



### Word Work

We will review all our glued/welded sounds, the suffix -s, and our most recent Trick and High Frequency Words. There will be an assessment at the end of the week.

### Readers' Workshop

We will focus on the elements of a simple plot and spend a week writing about our reading.

Our reading principles are:

#### Understanding Simple Plot: Problem and Solution:

- A story has a problem that gets solved
- Stories start with a problem and end with a solution
- Think about how the story will end
- When you tell about a story, tell who, where, and what happened

#### Writing About Fiction Books in a Reader's Notebook:

- Tell the story problem and how it is solved
- Tell how a character feels
- Tell what a character is like
- Tell where a story takes place

### Writers' Workshop

We will turn our attention to **punctuation**.

Our writing principles are:

- Use a period to end a sentence
- Use a question mark to end a question
- Use an exclamation point to show something exciting or surprising

## Upcoming Events



Wednesday, February 5th @ 8:20 am  
**MORNING MEETING**



Friday, February 7th  
**PTA ICE SKATING AND DINNER FUNDRAISER @ LOCAL BURGER**



Friday, February 14th  
**PTA VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE**



Monday, February 17th  
**PRESIDENTS' DAY**



February 17th thru 21st  
**MID-WINTER RECESS  
School Closed**

## Mathematics

We will review the concepts and strategies of **Topic 7: Extend the Counting Sequence** in preparation for an assessment on **Wednesday, February 4th**.

**Topic 8: Understand Place Value** will expand our mastery of tens and ones, the key foundation of the base-10 system. This topic lays the foundation for 2-digit addition and subtraction.



## Science

We will learn about animal **communication**:

- Young animals use signals, behaviors and sounds to send messages to their parents
- This communication helps animals to learn new behaviors and survive



## Social Studies

**Essential Question: What can we learn from maps?**

We will analyze different maps of the United States of America and New York State, looking for capitals cities, bordering countries or states, and physical features.