



First Grade News



WEEKS 9 & 8: October 27th thru November 7th

Literacy

LITERACY

Interactive Read-Alouds

This week, we begin our first author/illustrator study! We will explore the books of author and illustrator Kevin Henkes.

Text Set: Author/Illustrator Study: Kevin Henkes: Exploring Characters

Essential Question: What does Kevin Henkes do to make his books interesting or fun to read?

Texts: *Chrysanthemum* & *Sheila Rae, The Brave*, *Julius: The Baby of The World* & *Lilly's Big Day* written & illustrated by Kevin Henkes



Shared Reading

Together, we will read and reread the following texts, each time with a new purpose.

Texts: *The Broken Ladder* & *The Strawberry Hunt* by Joan Silverby, & *Silly and Fun: Poems to Make You Smile* by multiple authors



Word Work

We will complete our review of digraphs. Our focus is words with the ck digraph. We will learn that the ck digraph is only used after a short vowel sound at the end of a syllable or word. E.g. *duck*, *thick*, *chick*, *pocket*

Readers' Workshop

Our mini-lessons will help us understand characters and their emotions.

Understanding Characters and their Feelings

- Stories have important characters
- The characters' faces and bodies show how they feel
- What the characters say and do shows how they feel

Writers' Workshop

We will continue to write personal narratives, stories about things that have happened to us and the memories we want to share.

Making Memory Books

- Use pictures and words to show how you were feeling

Using Good Handwriting

- Hold your pencil and paper to do your best work
- Write your letters clearly
- Leave space between words and lines.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 31st

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES



- Spooky Walk
- Halloween Parade



Wednesday, November 5th
MORNING MEETING IN MPR



Saturday, November 8th
HUDSY RUN

Mathematics

Topic 3: Addition Facts to 20: Use Strategies

We will continue to apply and build on the strategies we learned when adding within 10 to solve addition problems up to 20. These strategies—such as counting on, making 10, and using doubles and near doubles—will help us develop a deeper understanding of how numbers work. By practicing these methods, we will build confidence and fluency in solving addition problems quickly and accurately.



Science



Topic 2: The Sky

Science Experience: Observe the Sun, Moon, and Stars

In this topic, we will explore what we see when we look up at the sky! We will observe objects in the day and night skies and use our observations to describe predictable patterns in the appearances of the sun, moon, and stars. This is a great time to take your child out to star gaze and notice the cycle of the moon.

Social Studies



Topic: Our Community

Questions: How can we describe where we live?

How do we use maps and globes?

- A globe is a three dimensional model of the whole Earth
- A map is a flat representation of a part of or all of the Earth.

Where is our community in the world?

- We live in a small rural town in New York state, in the United States of America, in North America
- Our neighboring countries are Canada and Mexico