

First Grade News from Room 12

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Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on November 23rd and 24th.

Dear Families and Friends,

It's hard for me to believe that it is November already. In your child's Friday folder you will find a reminder notice about our Parent-Teacher Conference time. Please let me know if this time will not work for you because we may be able to switch it to an open slot.

The weather has turned colder. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately as we go outside everyday unless it is raining. The nurse's office has a limited supply of mittens and hats for emergencies but it is better if the children pack their own.

Also, please remember to remind your child to pack their library book(s) on Wednesdays as that is now our book exchange day. Many of the children have been swapping books during snack times or after they finish their Morning Journals as well.

Thank you for sending back the October reading logs and sending in such wonderful pictures for our timelines. We will begin working on those next week.

Readers' Workshop

The children have enjoyed reading a variety of books both alone and to each other. Their book selections have been much more appropriate.

During reading conferences I have noticed that they are using the skill of looking for small words, and word chunks within the bigger words. Some are also making self-corrections as they read. If your child gets "stuck" on a word remind them they can skip the "hard part" and read on. Often the context clues or meaning of the sentence helps them to decode that unknown word.

Through our read aloud of Poppy and Rye we are working on learning new vocabulary, retelling skills and making predictions about what may happen next.

Everyday Math

Unit Three in Everyday Math spends a great deal of time on recognizing number patterns. We are also using the number line and number grids to assist with addition and subtraction. One routine that will follow through the grades is Frames and Arrows. This involves the children identifying a rule and then applying that rule to the frames and arrows.

At this time your children should be starting to feel more comfortable with counting combinations of nickels and pennies. Soon we will be adding dimes to the mixed coin counts. Any additional practice that you can provide at home for counting mixed coins and making coin exchanges is always helpful. Thank you.

Family Unit



We have begun our unit on Families. We are discussing qualities that make up a family and how families can be alike and different. The wonderful photos that you all sent in will allow us to work on our time lines and create a mini-book about our own lives.

We will also be talking about how families have changed from long ago to now. Perhaps over the Thanksgiving break the children will have the opportunity to talk to grandparents or aunts and uncles about how things have changed since they were children.