



The Pedersen Press



November 10-14

READING: This week, we read the story Down by the Bay. We worked on rhyming words and even created our own version of the story. Your child will be bringing this book home, please have your child return it on Monday.

SPELLING/HANDWRITING: This week, we worked on the letters “j” and “k” in spelling, and learned how to write these letters properly. We also put together letters to form words, using the short “a”, “o”, and “i” sounds. The class also brainstormed words that belong in the _in family.

WORD STUDY: This week, we worked on the words; are, four, no, come, they. Next week, the new words will be sent home on Monday and the quiz will be on Friday.

WRITING: We worked on a project where each student had to give 5 reasons why they are thankful for their family. These creations are hanging up at the end of our hallway.

CENTERS: Please make sure that your child is practicing their guided reading books at home. Your child should be able to read these stories with ease because we practice them several times in our reading groups.

READING STATIONS: This week, we continued our reading stations (intervention, prevention, and enrichment groups). The students are divided up into groups to work on a certain literacy skill that needs improvement. The groups are led by the first grade teachers, teaching assistants, differentiation specialists, reading specialist, and the media center specialist.

MATH: This week, we learned about odd and even numbers. We talked about how even numbers are when you count by 2's and how they also can be paired up. Next Thursday, we will be taking a test on patterns and even/odd numbers. We also talked about skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. There is a little math activity that is being passed around to everyone in the class that involves reading the math story Leaping Lizards. As you read the story with your child they can manipulate the unifex cubes to skip count. All of these materials and the directions are provided in the bag. There are 3 of these sets being passed around at a time.

SOCIAL STUDIES: This week, we started our unit on Native Americans and Pilgrims. We have discussed how the Pilgrims came over to America and how the Native Americans helped them grow food. We will continue to talk about the history of the Pilgrims and Native Americans for the next two weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19	WEAR YELLOW DAY-for the character trait of respect
November 17-19	Jewel shop and share days
November 19	Culver's Night- I will be volunteering from 4:00- 5:00 p.m.
November 20	Library day
November 21	Pajama day for our class (see below for details)
November 25	Thanksgiving centers/ market day

OTHER

* PAJAMA DAY- On November 21st, our class voted on a pajama day as a reward for good class behavior. Please have your child wear their pajamas to school that day.

* Please make sure your child is completing their homework each night. Don't forget to complete your child's reading log minutes, and turn it into to me every Friday. On short weeks, your child can turn in the reading logs on the following Monday. The week of November 3rd starts the book-it coupons for November. Make sure to have your child turn in their sheets for the whole month to receive the certificate for a free personal pizza.

*Kindness tickets- It is amazing to see all of the good deeds going on at home. If your child wants to fill out a kindness ticket, all they have to do is grab one from the basket in the room and take it home that night. It is their responsibility to take kindness tickets when they need them.

*FYI- this newsletter is posted on the Walker's Grove site under Mrs. Pedersen

Have a wonderful weekend!