

Business with Buehrer

For the week of November 9, 2009

Reading

We have reached the conclusion of Unit 2 in our reading textbook. Therefore, we will not start a new story this week. Instead, we will complete the Unit 2 Assessment that tests various reading skills that we have been working on in the classroom. This assessment will be taken over the course of three days. Please review this test with your child when it comes home, as it will help your child become more familiar and comfortable with the testing process. We will also work with Weekly Readers and review various reading skills.

Spelling

There will be no spelling words this week, due to the short week of school. Instead, we will review previous words and work on using them correctly in our daily writing. Students are expected to spell previous spelling words correctly in their daily writing assignments and classwork.

Writing/Language

We will continue writing our turkey stories this week and follow the steps of the writing process, in order to write our stories. The writing process includes prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. We will work on revising our stories for clarity, editing for spelling and mechanics, and preparing final drafts. This week, we will also review friendly letters.

Cursive Writing

We have finished learning the letters of the cursive alphabet. This week, we will continue to practice cursive writing skills. Please remind your child to take his/her time when we are learning and practicing the letters of the cursive alphabet, as neatness and accuracy are much more important than speed. The students are enjoying cursive writing but need to remember to take their time and write neatly throughout this process.

Math

We began the year by reviewing facts. Many of the students need to brush up on their basic math facts and will benefit significantly from a little extra practice of addition and subtraction.

This week, we will continue to focus on the skills of multiple digit addition and subtraction. Please work on these skills at home with your child on a daily basis, in order to help your child become more confident with addition involving carrying and subtraction involving borrowing and using zeros. Please remind your child that borrowing is not always necessary for every multiple digit subtraction problem! We will have a quiz over multiple digit addition and subtraction (with regrouping) on Wednesday.

Science

We will continue to learn about life cycles. This week, we will learn about the life cycle of bats.

Social Studies

We will continue our chapter "Communities of Different Sizes." This week, we will learn about the characteristics of suburban and rural communities. We will look for similarities and differences between urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Other Business

Reminder: Remember to check your child's Assignment Notebook on a daily basis

November 11,12 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – Please contact me if you have any questions about Parent-Teacher Conferences. School will be in session on Wednesday. No school on Thursday.

COSI on Wheels is coming to Monclova Primary on November 17-18. Our class will attend the hands on sessions on November 18. MAPS is looking for volunteers to help with this event.