

Miss O'Connell's Class News: September

Learning Focuses:

Reading:

Each month we will be starting a new whole class read aloud book. Related/targeted skills will be introduced/built upon. This month we will be reading/ listening on tape to Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli.

Students will be bringing home a book every night ("book in bag") and will be expected to read for 20 minutes a night, four times a week. Please be attentively signing their reading log sheets. It is important to vary your child's reading experiences. Nonfiction, fiction, poetry, biographies, legends, folk tales, and fairy tales are all great options for expanding your child's knowledge.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

English Language Arts:

This month we will review parts of speech.

NOUNS- common (girl, restaurant, book) and proper (Dr. O'Neil, McDonald's, Worcester)

VERBS- action words (run, skip, walk, talk, breathe, concentrate)

Knowing about nouns and verbs will help us locate subjects and predicates in sentences later in the month.

Writing:

We will continue to use the SRSD writing program that has been in place for the past 5 years. Your child will be writing to sources, highlighting important facts, using BIG vocabulary, and writing paragraphs & essays. Please continue to expect a lot from your child. We will start the year with pencil and paper and end with typing on the computer (WOW!).

Math:

We have spent the last week reviewing place value and number sense. Please work with your child to make sure that ALL FACTS 0-20 (Addition and Subtraction) are MASTERED. We will continue to review telling time and counting money.

This month we will be working on skip counting by: 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's, solving math puzzles, and multi-step number stories. We are making the connection that numbers are EVERYWHERE in our lives: at home, in our car, at work, on the playground, and in our bedrooms. Numbers help us to count, measure, keep track of, spend, and compare.

Starting soon... MULTIPLICATION!

Social Studies:

Throughout the year, we will be learning about MASSACHUSETTS and its people, places, and inventions. Reading maps, talking about basic government, and learning about our past will help us to understand our state's history.

Science:

During this quarter we will be conducting several experiments to kick off a year of discovery. The children will begin by learning about scientific processes.

House Keeping:

Absences:

If you know that your child is going to be out, please call the school (put us in your cell phone directory 508-799-3575). I can prepare a homework packet for you to pick up, or to send home with a sibling.

*ALL absences must be called into the school and not just sent via Class Dojo.

*If a student is going to have a change in dismissal, please send your child with a physical note in their red folder (again, not just sent on Dojo).

Homework:

If your child is struggling with ANY homework assignment, please have them write me a note (right on the page).

Ex: "Miss O'Connell, I'm really struggling with #7, can we go over this one together?".

*Please sign your child's agenda book each night after checking that they have completed each homework assignment.

Word of the month:

PERSEVERANCE

continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties

Thank you for all of your support,

Miss O'Connell