

Johanson Newsletter

October , 2019

Language Arts

We have just completed our Unit 1 assessment in Language Arts.. Results from the Unit 1 Assessment will be gone over during our Parent-Teacher-Conferences.

Your child has also completed a language arts diagnostic assessment to determine which skills they are showing mastery in.

Practice/instruction of these skills will occur at school, but additional practice may be accomplished via **Study Island** at home and at school. All students can access Study Island via the Clever login page to complete extra practice for achieved mastery. This program can also be used for reading minutes for your child's monthly calendar. This is a great resource for practice in achieving proficiency on 3rd grade state standards.

This week we will begin Unit 2. We will be focusing on the following:

-Synonyms -Antonyms -Compound Words
-Main Idea -Compare/Contrast -Plot
-Drawing Conclusions -Author's Purpose

Writing Focus

We are currently finishing our personal narratives. Students have been editing a piece from their writers' notebooks that highlight a small moment from their life. We are working on editing and adding expressive details to help readers to be able to visualize the perspectives of the writers.

Students are also working on creating/editing

pieces that focus on narrative tasks to complete within a paragraph of descriptive writing. The goal is to write expressively and to share details that build interest for the reader.

When students are answering questions that require written answers, it is important for them to answer things completely and use examples from the text in their answers. Indiana expects 3rd grade students to reference text and provide answers that don't leave questions unanswered. Many students have been receiving partial credit for their answers (because they are lacking detail/reference to text). As we move forward in the year, we should also notice measurable growth in this area.

Math

Most math classes will be finishing Unit 2 in the next week. Students should now be more comfortable in solving addition and subtraction number story problems. This is a skill that will be revisited and checked throughout the school year.

Social Studies

We will be finishing up our Social Studies unit in the next two weeks. We have been focusing on mapping, continents, hemispheres, and our local community. We will be discussing immigration and local history in our community to finish out our study. We will begin studying Earth Science at the beginning of our second grading period.

Parent Teacher Conferences

All Parent-Teacher-conference appointments have been set. I will send final reminders out later this week in your child's planner.

Report cards will be distributed at conferences. I am looking forward to sharing your child's progress and answering any questions you may have.

Important Upcoming Dates:

10/9 -- PVU Registration Forms Due
10/14-- PVU Begins (5 Mondays)
10/18--End of 1st grading period
10/22 & 10/23--Parent Teacher Conferences
10/24-- Fall Celebrations 1:30-2:10
10/25-10/28--Fall Break, No School
11/1 -- Puma Prowl

Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who have begun to come into our classroom. If you did not originally volunteer, but would like to come in, please email me at rjohanson@phm.k12.in.us and I will work with you to find a time to come in (current volunteer schedule is at the end of this newsletter).

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Oct.20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23 Bre Hrabusa 1:00-2:15	Oct. 24 *Fall Parties 1:30-2:10PM	Oct. 25 Fall Break	Oct. 26 Fall Break
Oct. 27 Fall Break	Oct. 28 Fall Break	Oct. 29 John Leader 1:00-2:15	Oct. 30 Jill Lebbin 1:00-2:15	Oct. 31	Nov. 1 Shanon Colburn	Nov. 2
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