



This month...

Reading: We will start our second unit, Becoming Experts Reading Nonfiction. This unit will focus on reading texts with the intention of learning a specific topic. Students will learn to predict what the book will teach and will prepare themselves to be on the lookout for new and unknown information and ideas. They will also learn to anticipate what they will learn before they even start to read informational books. Please see letter sent home for FUNdations curriculum newsletter.

Writing: We will introduce a new unit: The How-To Guide to Writing Non-Fiction. During this unit, the students will produce a number of non-fiction books that teach their readers a ton of information. Students will learn about how to write different non-fiction texts, such as how-to books, all-about books, and question and answer books. The students will use already published non-fiction books to help guide them.

Social Studies: We will continue our first unit, *Our Community's Geography*. The students will review globes and maps, and will be introduced to an atlas. Students will learn about the different types of communities in their area. Students will learn about New York, the oceans of the world, and landforms. We will complete many hands on activities and look at several videos to help us learn in this unit! At the end of the unit, the students will do a culminating project where they create their own maps.

Science: In November we will continue
Unit 1- Plant and Animal Relationships

Students find out as they investigate an authentic mystery that occurred in a broadleaf forest habitat in northeastern India. They plan and conduct investigations to figure out what plants need to grow and ways that many plants rely on animals to disperse their seeds. Students use mathematical thinking and concepts of proportion and quantity to make sense of their measurements and other data. They construct scientific explanations about how the parts of the Bengali forest work together as a system.

Mathematics:

We have just begun our second unit, Place Value and Measurement. In this unit students will be counting and modeling two & three digit numbers, adding on an open number line and thinking in twos. Some activities ask students to model 2 and 3-digit numbers with manipulatives and arrays, decompose numbers by place value, add numbers by regrouping sets of tens and ones, identify numbers based on their component parts, and write numbers in standard and expanded notation. An empty, or open number line is introduced as a way to model and solve addition problems. The students will continue to do many hands on activities to help them understand the concepts in this unit.

Reminders:

We have Gym based on our ROAR teams. Please make sure your child wears sneakers on those days.

Please make sure your child brings their library books to return each week.

Announcements-

November 1 Publishing Party

November 5 Election Day No School

November 11 Veterans Day Observed No School

November 14 Student Led Conferences

November 27 Thanksgiving Feast

November 28-29 Thanksgiving Break

Book of the Month- Peanut Butter and Cupcake -by Terry border

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