

News from Mrs. Barnett's Classroom

November 1, 2019



Weekly Highlights

Spelling- Students continue to work with their words in their sorts learning different spelling patterns. We have also incorporated Seesaw activities that help reinforce the spelling patterns that they are working with.

Daily 5- This week we focused on identifying characters and setting in stories. Students had fun using Seesaw during work on writing to write about what I should be for Halloween. They continue to work on their sight words for word work and we have incorporated IXL during sessions for students to work on their diagnostic page. More info will come out once they have completed this work.

Writer's Workshop- We are finishing up our personal narrative unit. Students have been editing their stories focusing on fixing up spelling, adding capital letters and punctuation. Next week we will be working on our final drafts, adding an All About the Author page, a cover and a dedication page.

Social Studies/Science- Over the past 2 weeks we have been talking about Natural Resources and that we can get our resources from a local provider or a distant provider. Students identified resources in our classroom and lunch and if we can get them locally or if we need to get them from a distant place.

On Thursday, Ms Naomi came and taught a lesson about the natural community and community helpers within nature. It was a cold and snowy day so we had to stay in for the lesson. The kids enjoyed learning about plant jobs such as air creators, soil makers, soil helpers, homemakers and food makers. We learned about animal jobs such as soil helpers, garbage collectors, carriers, population controllers and soil adders.

On Friday we went out to look for animal tracks in the snow. We found so many tracks! We found squirrel, skunk, rabbit, coyote, dog, horse, vole and bird tracks. It was a lot of fun!

Math Highlights

This week we finished up Unit 3 Module 1- Single Digit Sums. Students were introduced to 3 new workplaces. The first workplace was Drop the Beans. This workplace focused on adding fluently with sums to 10 and using the commutative property. The second workplace was Make the Sum. This workplace focused on applying the commutative and associative properties of addition to add. The third workplace was Doubles Plus 1/Minus 1. This workplace focused on solving addition and subtraction problems by counting on or counting back, doubles facts to 20 and identifying numbers as odd or even. We finished the week off with story problems and using our number racks. Students used the number racks to solve both addition and subtraction story problems to 20. **Math Vocabulary-** add, addition, double, half, even, odd, subtract, subtraction, minus, equal, total

Math Homework- up to pg 40

Important Dates

- **Saturday, Nov 2nd- Benkadi Benefit Free Drumming Event** in the PCCS gym @ 6:30pm
- **Sunday, Nov 3rd- Daylight Saving Time-** Fall back
- **Monday, Nov 4th- Chipotle PSO Event @ 4-8pm**
- **Thursday, Nov 7th- 1st/2nd Garden Bed Clean Up @ 3:45-4:30**
- **Monday, Nov 11th- Veterans Day Assembly @ 8:15** in the gym
- **Wednesday, Nov 13th- Early Release @ 1pm**
- **Friday, Nov 15th- End of Trimester 1** (where does the time go?)

Important Information and Friendly Reminders

- Please take a look in your child's backpack. We have sent home their extra clothing. We have noticed that a number of the kids have shorts and it is now pant weather. Please send back a set of extra clothing- pants, long sleeved shirt, socks and underwear. Thank you so much!
- Thank you for a fantastic Halloween Party!! The kids had so much fun. Thank you to the parents who were able to volunteer and for the parents who sent in items for the party. We appreciate you!! We heard numerous students say "This is a BLAST!"
- We will be clearing out our sustainable garden beds on Thursday, Nov 7th from 3:45-4:30 and would love to have some help! :) Please come out and help if you are available at that time. We will be pulling weeds and turning the soil. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov 5th. We hope to see you there!
- Drumming Event on Saturday, November 2nd at 6:30 in the PCCS gym. As some of you might know, I am in a West African Drumming Band. Each year we put on a benefit to help us continue our work with clean water in Guinea, West Africa. The drumming event is a free event. We will end the evening with a drum circle. All are welcome!
- When dropping your child off for school in the morning, please be sure to go through the carpool line. Thank you!!
- Scholastic Book Orders Due by Nov 15th. Please use code PFRL8