

October News for Mrs. Strauss' 1st Grade



Mark your calendar

Scholastic Book Fair Purchase:

Monday, October 5th ☺

(Please send in book fair money on the 5th)

FALL TREAT: Friday, October 30th ~ 1:15 until 2:15. Please feel free to stop by to celebrate the fall season with us! ☺ Hope to see you then!! ☺



Happy Birthday!

Oct. 29- Drew ☺

Special Areas:

Monday- A ~ GYM (wear sneakers)

Tuesday- B ~ MUSIC

Wednesday- C ~ LIBRARY (return books)

Thursday- D ~ ART (please send in a smock if you have not done so already)

Floating Friday~ Special rotates (please double check take home calendar for Friday specials)

Alligator Homework Notebook

Wow! You are doing a fantastic job completing the nightly assignments! Thanks for your support! ☺

The Leaf Projects are coming!

We will start our fall study very soon. Your child will be creating a leaf book to share with the class. More information will be sent home soon. ☺

Literature: Books, Books, Books!

We have enjoyed reading stories by various authors. While listening to these stories, we will continue to create mental images, make connections, ask questions, make predictions, retell and summarize events, and much, much more! ☺



ILA (Integrated Language Arts)- We are beginning our next theme, "Turning Corners". In this theme, we will recognize story structure. We will continue to compare stories and characters. We will make inferences to answer questions. We will learn the importance of adjusting our reading rate in order to monitor comprehension. Continue to take time to talk to your child about the reading strategies we learning in school to help him / her become better readers. Keep up the great practice at home!! (The strategies/skills are listed at the top of each week's homework assignment.) In addition, we have just finished the first Harcourt anthology! The boys and girls are very proud of their accomplishments. They are on their way to becoming fabulous readers! Great work, friends! ☺



Math- Please continue to work with your child on the math skills that we are learning in class. The homework pages ("home-links") provide an opportunity for your child to share what we are studying each day. This month we will continue to make connections with everyday uses for numbers, in particular, telling time and counting money. We will also engage in activities to prepare for addition and subtraction, both as computational skills and as tools for problem solving. Practice your math facts ~ Sums to 10! ☺



Social Studies/ Science- We will learn about fire safety and make connections to our community. We will practice the skills that Froggy taught us so that we can be good, responsible citizens. We will use our five senses to explore the season of fall!



Writing- We will begin to learn about proofreading. We will concentrate on beginning sentences with a capital letter and ending each with proper punctuation. We will use the word wall words and vocabulary from our stories to spell words correctly. We will try to write neatly, so others can read our work. ☺



SSR (Self Selected Reading)- We will continue to practice choosing "just right" books to read independently. (SSR time encourages students to choose books of high interest as well as on an appropriate level, so that they can practice strategic reading and independent thinking.) ☺ Have a terrific month!! ☺

