

Mrs. Houck's Class October News

ILA - In reading the children are continuing to develop comprehension strategies as they read trade books or Junior Great Books. We will soon begin working in Theme 2 of our anthology.

In writing the children have selected a topic and a vision for a piece of writing. They are presently drafting and will be publishing this piece in a couple weeks.

In word work, the children are exploring sound-letter patterns in words. They are practicing handwriting as well. Continue to encourage your child as he/she completes spelling activities at home and remember to sign and send in the weekly calendar on Fridays.

MATH - Our second unit focuses on addition and subtraction strategies and gathering and organizing data. We are also beginning to review multiplication and division facts. Please check your child's reference book if you have any questions. Please encourage your child to practice basic math facts—addition and subtraction and also multiplication and division. After unit 2's test on October 8th, we will begin Unit 3 which focuses on multiplication.

SOCIAL STUDIES - We are continuing our study of Maryland Geography. The children have a quiz on Wednesday, October 14, and we will finish the unit and have a final test on Friday, October 23rd.

HOMEWORK - Homework is important so that children may succeed better in school. It provides necessary independent practice. Most of the children are completing the homework to the best of their ability. (Which is all I ask)

BIRTHDAYS - I know children love to celebrate their birthdays, and many times this includes bringing treats to school to share with classmates. If your child wishes to do that, it is acceptable; however, there are some policies that you must follow. Any edible snack must be store-bought and be brought to school in the original packaging containing ingredients and nutritional information. The treat cannot have nuts in it. THIS IS SCHOOL POLICY. Also I ask that you send in any necessary accessories like napkins. Please try to send in non-messy foods. Please make sure there are enough for 24 people. An alternative is to send in non-edible "treats" like pencils or "party favors". Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing you on conference day. Thank you for returning the conference confirmation form.

Remember that October 15th is a 1 p.m. dismissal day and schools are closed on October 16th.