



October News
Mrs. McGinnis' Class

It is hard to believe it is already November. We have had a wonderful first quarter. I am looking forward to talking with all of you during your child's conference. Please be sure to stop in for a visit during American Education Week. A schedule will be coming home the second week on the month.

In reading this month we will be reading stories about teamwork. Our focus comprehension skills and strategies are asking questions, sequencing and using graphic organizers.

During writing workshop, we will focus on creating descriptive settings. We will begin the next writing unit on informative writing November ninth.

In word work, we will continue to practice spelling frequently misspelled words as part of our word wall work. We will focus on vccv and vcccv words for our spelling patterns.

In science we will begin Astronomy and Weather. The enduring understanding for this unit is, "Many of Earth's properties are controlled by the energy of the Sun and the various movements of Earth in the solar system." Students will receive a study guide for quizzes and the test at the start of the unit.

During our math block, we will assess our third unit on 11-3-09. Unit four focuses on division. Please be sure to ready the family letter for important information about the unit. Your child will bring home the study guide at the beginning of the unit. He or she should also bring home the SRB nightly to help study for assessments.

As always, I appreciate your support. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.