



Kindergarten Newsletter 2019

Reading

We will be continuing to work on using our super reading powers to read our books in "Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Sight Word Power " unit. Some powers that we have been working on are partner power, pointer power, reread power, snap word power, and sound power.

Students will then use their super powers to build bigger reading muscles. They will be charging up their powers by delving deeper into each skill. They will practice skills such as using picture clues, getting their mouth ready, sounding out the whole word, pointing to the words, and retelling. By having students practice these skills daily, they will be building independent reading habits as well as their confidence as readers.

Writing

This month, the students will be continuing to write true stories from their lives. In the Writing for Readers Unit, they will use a booklet to record their personal narratives across 3 pages. They will tell a cohesive, sequenced personal narrative using drawings to help them hold onto meaning and language. They will also learn how to sound out words, by stretching them out so they can isolate and hear the sounds at the start and making a mark to represent that sound. This unit has a focus on writing conventions- spacing, punctuation, capitalization and readability.

Math

In math, students will be working in Module 3: Comparison of Length, Weight, Capacity and Numbers to 10. In the first half of the module, students will be working with length, height, weight and volume. In the second half of the unit, students will work with comparisons of area, sets within 10 and numerals. They will also further their thinking by counting and matching sets to compare,

sequence building toward the comparison of numerals and analyzing their thinking. We will be using questions such as, "are there enough?", "what math vocabulary did you use?", "can you compare your work with a partner?" and "what did you discover?".

Science

This month we will be working in the Pushes and Pulls unit. Directional forces are evident everywhere in our world- from pushing a grocery cart to pulling a wagon. This unit builds on students' inherent knowledge, with the goal of advancing their understanding so they can articulate how pushes and pulls impact the motion of a ball.

Important Dates

January 2- Students return

January 10- PTA Meetings

January 11- Staff vs. Gulls Basketball Game (Students only)

January 14- Half Day

January 16- Picture Retake Day

Wacky Wednesday

January 21- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School

January 24- Decade Day

January 27- PTA Meeting

January 31- Kids are Teachers Day