



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

October 21st – 25th

Wednesday is the last day of our first marking period! Wow, those first 9 weeks sure flew by quickly! The students will not have school on Thursday or Friday. I will be busy preparing report cards, which will go home next Friday, November 1st.

Wednesday is also the last chance to take AR tests! At the end of the week I have to submit the names of all of my "goal getters" to Mr. Halper, so make sure your child finishes up those books! The 4-day weekend is a great opportunity to get a jump start on books that will count towards your child's next set of AR goals.

This Wednesday night is Bay Meadows Spirit Night at the Chick-Fil-A on Sand Lake Road. Come out with your family and support one of our strongest Partners in Education, as well as our school!

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Ava!

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 23-
Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Thurs. Oct. 24 - Fri. Oct. 25
NO SCHOOL

Reading

Our comprehension skill this week will be making inferences. This is one of the most difficult skills for many students, but it is also one of the most important. We will learn how to collect clues and combine them with our background knowledge to make inferences about things that are not stated in the text. We will use the formula: text evidence + schema = inference.

We will review last week's phonics pattern: words with double consonants and ck. We will focus on using double consonants as a short cut for dividing words into syllables (hap/pen, mit/ten, lad/der, etc.)

Writing

Since we only have 3 days of school this week, there are no spelling words or sentences.

We will continue to work on identifying proper nouns and capitalizing them in our writing. The students will create A-Z Lists of all the proper nouns they can think of, one for each letter of the alphabet.

Math

In math, we are continuing to work on addition and subtraction strategies. One thing we have really been working on is understanding the meaning of the equal sign. It seems like such a basic thing, but you would be surprised how many kids have difficulty explaining that the equal sign shows that both sides are the same. As you practice math facts with your child at home, try writing the equations 2 ways. For example:

$2 + 5 = 7$ or $7 = 2 + 5$
This helps students see that it doesn't matter which side is written first, as long as both sides show the same amount.

Science & Social Studies

We will continue working on map skills this week and identifying where we are on different maps. This unit is jam-packed with content-specific vocabulary, including *map, globe, compass rose, cardinal directions, intermediate directions, symbols, key/legend, scale, continents, oceans, Equator, Prime Meridian, North Pole and South Pole*. I've found that kids really love this unit, so pull out those maps and globes at home and discuss all the important features you can find and how you use maps in your daily life (hint-GPS!).