



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

November 4th- November 8th

This Friday, November 8th is the annual Walk-a-thon. All parents are invited and encouraged to come walk with us and/or cheer us on. We will be walking during our regular Specials time from 11:45-12:20. You can meet us outside by the P.E. court. Hope to see you there!

It is time for new AR goals! The students will take the STAR reading assessment again to get their new reading levels and I will set their new AR goals in the next couple of weeks. Remember, you can log-on to Renaissance Home Connect to see how your child performed in the AR program during the last 9 weeks. If your child did not meet his/her goal the first time around, it's okay. The first 9 weeks of school is always the hardest because we are building routines and procedures. The Media Center was also closed quite a bit, so the students were not getting to check out books as regularly as they should. Luckily, we all get a fresh start and 9 more weeks to work towards achieving our new AR goals! 😊

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

Important Dates

Friday, November 8th
Walk-a-thon
11:45-12:20 @ P.E. Court

Reading

This week we will learn about character traits and how events in a story can cause a character to change. We discuss how an author helps us get to know a character (words, thoughts, actions, etc.). Using this text evidence, we will be able to infer character traits. Instead of just identifying characters, we are now describing them on a deeper level.

Our phonics skill will be root words with endings -ed and -ing. We will focus on words that drop the final e before adding an ending. Even though the "silent e" has been dropped, students still need to remember that the vowel sound is long- that can be tricky!

Math

We are wrapping up Chapter 3 on addition and subtraction strategies. We will continue to work on repeated addition at the beginning of the week before taking the test on Wednesday. We will kick-off Chapter 4 on Thursday, which is all about 2-digit addition. In order to emphasize the concepts behind 2-digit addition, we introduce the students to many different strategies, some of which might seem a little foreign to you. In the end, each student usually finds one strategy that works for him/her, but being exposed to, and practicing all of the strategies builds a strong foundation of the concept itself. When students understand the why in math, the steps are more likely to "stick."

Writing

Last week we started learning about verbs. We found examples of the 3 types of verbs (action, helping and linking) and identified verbs in sentences. The students blew me away when they said "we already learned about verbs when we worked on predicates!" They are really transferring their knowledge! Going back to subjects and predicates again, this week we will focus on subject-verb agreement with present-tense verbs. Conjugating verbs can be confusing. As your child writes at home, please check to make sure that his/her verb usage is grammatically correct.

Science & Social Studies

In science, we are continuing our unit on matter. We will take a closer look at each state and classify things around the classroom as solids, liquids or gases. We will also compare and contrast different types of liquids (water, glue, oil, juice, etc.) and explore how liquids and gases take the shapes of their containers.