



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

November 17th- November 21st

Teach-In is this Wednesday, November 19th. We are looking forward to learning from Alex's dad and Faira's mom! Alejandro's mom will also be presenting in our classroom at a later date.

This Friday we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a class family by creating a Friendship Trail Mix. Each child was assigned a special ingredient to add to our trail mix. Please remember to turn in your item by this Thursday so we can make sure we have everything. Thank you in advance for your donation!

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

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 21-
Teach-In

Mon. Nov. 24- Fri. Nov. 28-
Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL

Reading

This week we will learn about determining the central message, lesson, or moral of a story. To do this, we will recount (Common Core's word for "retell") a story and use the major events to guide us to the story's theme. We will use a bubblegum metaphor to think about "what sticks" with us after reading the story. What lesson can we take with us an apply to our own lives?

Our phonics skill this week is contractions. We will focus on which 2 words make up the contraction and which letters get replaced by the apostrophe. For vocabulary, we will work on the suffixes -er ("more ___") and -est ("the most"). We will build words using these suffixes and compare their meanings.

Writing

We've spent the past couple of weeks learning about writing verbs in the present tense. This week we will work on writing verbs in the future and past tenses, as well.

This week we will also continue working on our informational stories about the Iroquois Indians. The students have collected many interesting facts and we are learning how to format those facts into sentences and paragraphs.

Math

We are continuing our unit on 2-digit addition strategies. After spending all of last week modeling the concept of "regrouping" using base-10 blocks, this week we will finally get into the standard algorithm ("carry that one!") and transfer our knowledge over to paper and pencil work. We will also build our mental math skills by adding 2-digit numbers on a hundreds chart. **There is a great app called "Number Pieces" that allows kids to model addition using base-10 blocks. Try downloading it and have your child explain when, why, and how they regroup to add 2-digit numbers.**

Science & Social Studies

We are wrapping up our unit on Native Americans by learning about the Sioux from Ms. Labato and the Pueblo from Ms. Sprague. In our classroom, we are becoming experts on the Iroquois Indians. The students have really enjoyed comparing and contrasting the diverse Native American groups.