

Falcon Family News

Kindergarten ~ December 2018

READING

In our 'Superpowers' reading unit, students will read just right books, using their powers not just to story tell but now they are trying to use patterns, snap words, and one-to-one match. Students are looking at the print and developing one to one matching. Readers will retell their books and talk about their books with others.

WORD WORK

Students are working on identifying letters and the sounds they make and learning new sight words each week. Our weekly sight words will make it easy to read our books and write sentences during writing workshop. Students will also explore rhyming words.

ELL

Take turns when speaking and listening
Notice the connection between letters and words
Read pictures and words in books
Notice the characters in our stories
Notice the setting in our stories
Stretch words out and listen for the sounds in them
Use new words in our writing
We can practice at home by speaking and listening by taking turns, reading the pictures and words in books and then writing a sentence with our newly learned words. Talking about the characters and settings in photos, books, pictures etc

ARTS CONNECTIONS

Art will be incorporated in science and social studies. Students will use a variety of media to create art with different types of lines and shapes and collages.

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education students are beginning to take part in the sport of Basketball. Students will engage in Basketball drills. The drills students will be working on are dribbling, bounce pass, and chest pass.

WRITING

Students will continue writing like a scientist about objects that are found in nature such as leaves, pinecones and other parts of plants. Students will write like scientists by looking closely, drawing with detail, labeling their pictures and adding sentences. They will be encouraged to use the word wall, patterns they know and letter sound relationships to add labels and sentences. They will use fingerspace *between words in their sentences*.

MATHEMATICS

In math, we are moving into addition and decomposition. We are working on adding numbers to the sum of 10. We are introducing children to addition sentences using written symbols and numerals. Children use various problem solving skills to successfully complete addition sentences, add pairs of single digit numbers, and finding the unknown number that when added to the given number is equal to 10. Our vocabulary words are add, is equal to, and plus.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are learning about how people the same and different. By the end of this unit, students will be able to understand and celebrate differences and similarities between people and cultures (language, traditions, religion, customs, etc.). They will develop awareness of self in the world (identity, family, school, classroom).

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Students will continue to learn about different types of feelings and how to build strong relationships with classmates. We will begin to learn about character strengths through literacy in our Kids Care Clubs.

IMAGINARIUM

In Imaginarium, students are beginning the unit of Needs of Plant and Animals. Students will take part in hands on activities to identify the needs that different plants and different animals require. Students will work to observe, explore, identify and explain.