

Falcon Family News

Kindergarten ~ October 2018

READING

In our reading unit, students will continue to learn the structures and routine of reader's workshop. They will engage in both private reading and partner reading. They will build good reading habits and stamina in reading. They will read from book bins, using pictures to tell what's happening and learn how to discuss books that they have read with a partner. They will also read familiar books using story language and characters' voices.

ELL~ We will

Learn to read the world around us

Notice the connection between letters and words

Learn and use new words

We can practice at home by reading the names on letters and packages, reading names of items on store packages, sounding out the first letter of things around our home.

WRITING

Students are using our writing workshop routines to work independently and with their partner. Students will be writing small moments stories from their lives. They will draw pictures to tell their story, label the pictures and write a sentence to match their story by sounding out words and using sight words. They will begin to use punctuation marks, specifically a period, to end their sentences.

MATHEMATICS

We are in the Geometry exploratory unit, working on identifying, naming, and describing two-dimensional shapes (2D shapes). We explored the attributes of a circle, square, rectangles, triangles, and hexagon. Our vocabulary words in this unit are vertices (corners), vertex (corner), sides, and two-dimensional (flat). We will soon move into our next unit, where we will count, write and model (show) numbers 0-5. We will use words such as fewer and greater to compare these numbers.

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.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are learning about the qualities of school community members. They will be able to explain that children and adults have rights and responsibilities at home, at school, in the classroom, and in the community. Students will also discover how rules affect children and adults and that people make and change rules for many reasons.

SCIENCE

Students are learning about the needs of plants and animals. They are taking on the role of scientists in order to figure out why there are no monarch caterpillars since vegetables were planted. In doing so, they investigate how plants and animals get what they need to live and grow, and make a new plan for the community garden that provides for the needs of monarch caterpillars in addition to vegetables for humans.

ARTS CONNECTIONS

Art will be incorporated in science and social studies. Students will use a variety of media to create art as they learn about different types of lines.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We are learning about different types of feelings and how to build strong relationships with our classmates with the help of our classroom friend 'Z'.

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education students have been learning rules and expectations for the class. Students are focusing on procedures and safety so the students can have a great year in Physical Education. Students will be starting a game unit in the near future.

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