

Falcon Family News

Grade 1 ~ November 2018

READING

In reading we are becoming word detectives. Students are learning how to tackle trickier words. Your child should by the end of this unit be able to

- break down multi-syllabic words
- use different strategies to solve tricky words
- read with an even smoother voice
- be a good reading partner
- look at different parts of words
- attend to vowels and new blends

Every student should read and log their reading for 25 minutes every night. Have students go on MyOn to advance their reading progress.

WRITING

In writing we are moving into informational how-to stories. Your child should by the end of this unit be able to:

- write a how-to book with sequenced steps
- check their capitalization and punctuation
- spell more and more words correctly
- stretch out their stories
- include a lead sentence to introduce their story and grab the reader's attention as well as a closing to tie up the end and connect to the lead.

WORD WORK

Students are focusing on initial blends such as "bossy r (br, cr, dr)", "bossy l (bl, cl)" and "bossy s (sl, st)". Students are also learning final blends (-st, -nd, -ct, and -nt) and digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh, ck, dge, and tch)

- Start helping your child master their individualized sight word list using the suggested activities.
- Students should search for words that contain these new blends when they read

MATHEMATICS

Students are moving into addition concepts. They are working on using pictures and making models to add.

- When you are at home, make sure your child is organized when they count to prevent errors.
- Encourage your child that when they draw a picture to add, that it is a quick sketch without details.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will begin exploring how families change over time. They will learn about how to record family histories.

- Discuss key moments in your family's history. Please send in a 4x6 photo of your family

SCIENCE

Students are exploring how light passes through different materials.

- When you are out and about, help your child notice how light passes through objects in your community.

ARTS CONNECTIONS

Our Noel Pointer Foundation violin program has begun. Students who are participating in that program need to remember to practice every night.

English Language Learners

Take turns when speaking and listening
Remember to use our new reading habits to read harder books
Learn new sight words by using new word reading strategies
Learn and use new vocabulary
Learn and use new writing skills across many pages
We can practice at home by studying and using our sight words, coming up with our own new sight words, reading to others at home, reading magazines and newspapers, not just our books, writing a summary of what we read to share with our family, writing a summary of our day for others to read.

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION and SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Try 3-6-0: Pat your belly gently with both hands. Have your child count starting from the number one. Every time they go to say a number that has a 3, 6 or 0 give a little hop instead.