

Falcon Family News

Grade 1 ~ October 2018

READING

In reading we are starting off the year with building great reading habits such as

- checking the picture
- taking a sneak peek before we read
- retelling the story
- talking about our favorite part
- smoothing out our voice
- scooping up more words

Every student should read and log their reading for 20 minutes every night. Have students retell the most important parts of the story in sequence.

WRITING

In writing we are working on personal narrative.

Your child should by the end of this unit be able to:

- write a small moment story with a beginning, middle and end
- check their 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.

WORD WORK

Students are reviewing all letter sounds with a particular focus on short vowel sounds and the spelling rules that accompany them. Students spend every Friday in word work centers making and breaking words and committing sight words to memory.

- Have students hunt for sight words in the text.
- Students should find words with short vowel sounds when they read

MATHEMATICS

Students are exploring geometry in the form of 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. They are learning how to identify, sort and build shapes.

- When you are out in your community, have your child identify different 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes.
- Have your child talk about what new shapes can be created after combining others.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are exploring why families and communities are important. Students will explore the idea of traditions and well as important American symbols.

- Discuss different traditions and customs in your family. Discuss what makes your family special.

SCIENCE

Students are exploring light and how the availability of light affects our ability to see objects. Students will also explore the idea that light travels from place to place.

- When you are out and about help your child notice how it is getting darker earlier in the evening.

ARTS CONNECTIONS

PS 68 is happy to welcome back Shubert Theater, Noel Pointer Foundation violin program and Studio in a School and the Visual Arts Residency.

ELLs

We will Remember to use our reading skills from Kindergarten. Use new reading habits to read harder words.

Learn new sight words. Learn and use new vocabulary. Learn and use new reading and writing skills. 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.

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION and SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We are learning how to connect our minds with our body. We continue to use Brain Power Wellness and Get Ready to Learn Yoga to help us grow into strong, resilient learners.