

September is here!



Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable weekend! What a beautiful weekend! It is hard to believe that we are welcoming fall this week!

Another busy week has come and gone so I wanted to be sure to let you know what we have been up to this past week and give you a glimpse of things to keep an eye out for!

While I am now trying to focus more on our reading groups to give each group what they need to become better readers, we are still working hard on building our stamina and remembering that our morning literacy work time is a quiet time to work on our reading and writing skills. Some of our friends need to be a bit more careful about who they are sitting close to during this time!

This week in Writing Workshop we learned the final step of "How to Write a Story" by looking at revising our writing. While we are really still in the beginning stages of our narrative writing, we will continue to learn more about how we can make our writing even better. The kids have really done well and are becoming more focused during our writing time. It is great to see how they finish with one idea and move right into the next! Continue to talk to your child about the things they are writing books about in school!

Your child came home with a list of words in their folder. The words that are highlighted are the words they are working on being able to spell. Practice of these words should be fun. Find creative ways to have your child spell these words (shaving cream, sand, smelly or special markers, magnetic letters, play dough and letter shaped cereals/pasta).

Our first field trip to Lynd's Fruit Farm is approaching quickly and will be here before we know it! Permission slips and information about this trip will be coming home THIS WEEK!! Our class will be going on October 9th with Mrs. Garrison's class.!

We were so excited this week to welcome our latest addition to our classroom - THE BUNNY!!! If you have not sent in your class pet permission slip, please

return these as soon as possible! The kids are eager to get started in assisting with the care of our pet and I will not allow students to help if this has not been returned! Many families have offered to help with purchasing supplies/food for our new friend! If you find yourself in a pet store and are wondering what we will be needing here is a list to keep in mind. I will keep supplies in the room and send a note if we are low on particular items! *Food (any dry mix "bunny" food is fine) *Kitty Litter (must be low dust or dust free) *Chew Sticks/products that encourage her to chew.

Friday marked the official kick off to the PTO Gift Wrap Sale!!! Your child should have brought home the packet with the sales catalogs and information. The PTO provides so many great opportunities for our kids and this is one of the biggest reasons they are able to do SO MUCH!!! Thanks so much for everything the PTO does for our students and classrooms!

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!!

- *Sept. 26th: Author Visit
- *Oct. 9th: Field Trip to Lynd's Fruit Farm
- *Oct. 10th: Science Day!

Questions to ask your child...

1. What details did you (or are you) adding to your small moment story?
2. Tell me about some of your "dot" centers from math this week?
3. Who is your 3rd grade buddy? What did you learn about your buddy?