



No School Thursday and Friday 11/7-11/8



November 11th - Veteran's Day Luncheon

November 14 - Parent Visitation Day

November 4-6

COMING THIS WEEK...

Literacy

d - "dog" - /d/ **s** - "snake" - s

In Foundations this week, we will be continuing to practice lowercase formations and sounds for the letters **d** and **s** (review t, b, f, m, n, i, c, o, a, g and u). Students should be able to match letters to sounds for letters learned so far such as identifying the beginning sounds of a word and writing that letter. Lowercase d and s both start on the plane line. Students are recognizing the differences between b and d when writing and identifying their sounds. In Journeys', we will continue to explore fairy tales for review of unit 1 skills. We will be working with skills such as action verbs, nouns, synonyms, and recognizing beginning sounds. We will be reviewing all of unit 1 sight words. In addition, we will be able to compare text features, characters, settings, and sequencing important parts. In writing, we will continue our unit for "lists and labels". Students are working on creating pictures with clear details and "5-star" coloring with the addition of putting them in order this week! Students will be encouraged to add labels with the beginning sounds that we have learned so far.

Unit 1 sight words: **I, one, like, our, day, the, and, off**

***Students will be assessed on unit 1 skills and words this week. This is a check-in on skills that continue to develop throughout the year. For example, answering questions about a story read aloud to them, producing rhyming words, identifying beginning sounds, and reading sight words.**

Target skills: details, comparing characters, understanding characters, and asking questions while reading. We will also continue recognizing and producing rhyming pairs, summarize stories, writing ideas with pictures/labels, concepts of print, action verbs, letters a and g, pencil grip, writing grid, reading stamina with picture walks using the "eagle eye" strategy.

Math

We will finish up Chapter 3 this week on numbers 6-9. We will practice counting, recognizing, showing, and writing each number. The end of this chapter will also give practice with problem solving as well as review greater than and less than strategies when we compare numbers 1-9. Students are practicing making these numbers in different ways with number pairs. For example: 7 is 6 and 1 more or 5 and 2 more. We do this activity with 2 color counters as a visual. Practice vocabulary.

***We plan to assess Chapter 3 on Wednesday* Please use chapter 3 review packet to practice throughout the week.**

Science/S.S.

Science - Weather Unit - predicting weather and exploring weather tools

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday-	Wed.-	Thurs.-	Friday-
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	No School	No School
Music	PE	Tech/Library		

**THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES**

Unit 1 is wrapping this week. We will be assessing students on ELA skills and their unit 1 sight words throughout the week.

Turkey Disguises - Family Project - See flyer for more information. This will be due by the 18th but you may send it in earlier.

No school Thursday 11/7 or Friday 11/8

Parent Visitation Day is November 14th.

Show and Tell this month will be on November 18th.

Conferences will be on November 22, 25, and 26th. These dates will all be early dismissal days.

November 27 is an early dismissal for Thanksgiving Break!

We do a weekly check-in with students every Friday for reading skills. It is based on their read alouds for the week and the targeted skill. For example, this week's skill was understanding characters.

Please pack a snack each day. On early dismissal days, snacks are available for purchase. If your child attends Beyond the Bell on early dismissal days, please provide a lunch.

.....

HOMework

A weekly packet will be sent home with an activity. At this time, we do not need homework sent back in for these activities. Use the cover page as a guide to complete and only return the cover page on Fridays.

short week

Monday - Practice High Frequency words for unit 1

Tuesday - Letter naming and sound fluency (1 minute)

Wednesday - Numbers

With your help, we will continue to see success for your child :-) Thank you!

Please practice high frequency words for weeks 1-4

I, one, like, our, the, day, and, off

We have sent home the sight words 'cards' for all of unit 1. Only practice them as we learn them.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 7-8th - No School

November 11th - Veteran's Day Luncheon

November 12th - Pie Fundraiser Due

November 14th - Parent Visitation Day

November 18th - Show and Tell / Turkey Disguise Project Due

November 22, 25, 26 - Conferences, early dismissals

November 27th - Early Dismissal

November 28 -29th - No School ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

TIPS AND TRICKS

- Each night - recite the alphabet, practice counting above 10, write your name.
- Optional: Begin making a sight word box. Each week when we learn new words, add them to a box and pick out a few each night to practice. (shoe box, wipes container, index cards). Ask students to come up with rhyming words as well.

- **Password Game:** Choose different letters, numbers, and sight words to make as “passwords” to different rooms in the house. Every time the students want to enter the room, ask for the password :-)
- **Visit Mrs. Gray’s website** for additional practice sites categorized by content area. You can find her page in the “staff directory” on the District Website.