

# November Newsletter

### Progress Book

Since your child is receiving letter grades this year, we encourage parents/guardians to set up an account on Progress Book and check students' grades regularly. Information was sent home at the beginning of the year.

### Reading

During reading instruction, students are focusing on determining the problem and solution of a story. New vocabulary words are introduced from the stories.

### Writing

Students are working on how to write a friendly letter. They will learn why you would write a letter and its parts. They will also be starting to write opinion essays in response to an article and prompt. After practicing writing both yes and no responses with support, students will write their own opinion piece independently.

### Word Work

Students' individual spelling lists focus on Orton-Gillingham (OG) phonics concepts and red words (high frequency words). Spelling lists are given on Monday, activities to practice are incorporated throughout the week, and tests are on Friday. Your child will be checked on 5 concept words, 5 words that are new to them, (to see if they can transfer what they know to new words), and red words (high frequency words). Grammar skills are also practiced daily using Mountain Language.

### I Can...

- \*State the problem/solution of a reading.
- \*Use context clues to figure out the meaning of new words.
- \*Spell red words.
- \*Write to a specific audience with a purpose.
- \*Support my opinion in writing.
- \*Use correct English grammar and usage.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will be held during the month of November. Papers were sent home with your child either requesting a conference or stating that one is not requested at this time. If you would like to schedule a conference, please let us know what day would work best for you.

- \*Nov. 7-4:15-7:15
- \*Nov. 9-4:15-7:15
- \*Nov. 14-4:15-7:15

### Dismissal

For your child's safety, please park and walk up to the cones to meet your child when picking them up from school.

### Contact information

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You may call the school (937-548-2815) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You may also email us at:

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For you  
Calendar

Nov. 2  
Picture Retakes

Nov. 5  
Turn clocks back

Nov. 7, 9, 14  
Conferences

Nov. 22-24  
Thanksgiving Break