

# October 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. Grades will be updated weekly. Information will be sent home at a later date on how to set up your account.

### Canvas

Students have been working hard and becoming more comfortable each day incorporating Canvas into our learning. Ask your child to show you his/her Canvas app and give you a "tour" of this virtual part of our classroom. Please note that if students are absent and able, they should get on Canvas to begin work for the day to prevent getting behind.

### Reading

During reading instruction, students are focusing on finding the main idea and supporting details, and understanding new vocabulary words. This month students will begin working on theme. Guided reading group instruction is also beginning, and students will focus on skills determined necessary for their individual growth.

### Writing

Students are working towards writing a "catchy" topic sentence so the audience will want to read their story. We will then continue with adding details to their paragraphs so the reading better understands what they are writing about.

### Word Work

Students will begin working on spelling lists that focus on Orton-Gillingham phonic concepts. Spelling lists are given on Monday, activities to practice are incorporated throughout the week, and tests are on Friday. Grammar skills are also practiced daily.

### I Can...

- \*Use consonant blends correctly in reading and writing
- \*Use spelling rules correctly in reading and writing.
- \*Recognize and write complete sentences.
- \*Use details and text evidence to support my writing.
- \*State the main idea of a reading
- \*State the theme of a reading

### Business Projects

After reading stories in our Wonders books about how companies give part of their profits to charity, the students were paired up and had to create a new company of their own. They had to make a business plan and present it to the class using visual aids. They had to brainstorm a unique name and logo for their company, what they would sell and for how much, and what charity they would give some of their profits to and why. They did an outstanding job working together and coming up with very creative companies. Please ask your child about this project.

### 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 your  
Calendar

Oct. 24  
No School

Nov.3  
Picture Retakes

Nov. 6  
Turn clocks back

Nov. 8, 10, 15  
Conferences

Nov. 23-25  
No School