



Mrs. Walz's

First Grade News

November 2009

Reading News

Our third theme is "It's My Turn Now," with stories and selection about growing and learning new things. Reading selections include fantasy, realistic fiction, and nonfiction.

Word Skills covered during this theme are:

1. Short vowels
2. Initial Blends: with s (as in star or snow)
with r (as in drum or frog)
3. Word endings -est,-ent
4. Contractions
5. Compound Words

Comprehension Skills covered are:

1. Cause/Effect
2. Fact/Fiction
3. Character

Thank you for continuing to work with your child on High Frequency Words, Vocabulary, Spelling, and Oral Reading Fluency activities that come home each week.

Fall conferences were a great success! I'm already looking forward to winter conferences!

Brrrrrr!

Cold weather has arrived!



Please send labeled snow pants, hats, mittens/gloves and boots when needed.

You may want to consider providing your child with a labeled chap stick and/or a small tube of hand lotion to ward off dry, chapped lips and hands. These items are easy to store in desks.



Math News

Unit three centers on Story Problems and involves more abstract concepts of addition and subtraction. The students will demonstrate and share many different ways to solve problems. You may want give your child a math fact and ask him or her to show you a 'Math Mountain' or a circle diagram using 'Crows in a Row.'

The children look forward to using the Computer to work on our mastery of math facts with the Fast Math program. Thank you for working on math facts at home to foster your child's success.

Our next unit focuses on **Place Value**.

November Dates to Know:

13- Innisbrook Pickup- 4:00 cafeteria
Turkey Bingo and Silent Auction-5:30

25-Children's Theatre Field Trip - AM
Blanket Project - PM

26 and 27-No School -Thanksgiving Break
Happy Thanksgiving!

December

Dec. 4- No School-Progress Report Marking
Dec. 7-Second Trimester of School Begins
Dec. 9-Progress Reports come home

Many thanks to all of the parents who came to help with the Fall Party. Special thanks to Nisa Gauthier for organizing, planning, and managing the 'behind the scenes' necessities!

Thank you to families who have contributed goodies to the Silent Auction Bake-Off Basket.



Items can be contributed through November 9.

Independent School District 279 does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you need auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in or attend a district activity, please provide the school district with seventy-two (72) hours advance notice. You can call Woodland or TDD at 315-6400.

