



Issue 2

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Math - Students tested on Unit One last week and did very well. We will continue with addition and subtraction and are working on fact mastery. Please have your students practice the flashcards that have been placed in their BEE book. They can also use the Renaissance Home Connect to use Math Facts in a Flash at home. Fact mastery is crucial to success in second and third grade and can really help increase student confidence in math.

Science- Students have begun learning about animals and their needs for survival. On October 5th, we will be going on a virtual field trip to learn about mammals. From there, we will focus on other animal groups such as birds, reptiles, and fish. This will lead into our virtual field trip on the salmon life cycle on October 24th.

Language Arts- We have been working on Unit 2, "Animals." Students have been placed in leveled reading groups and are working on phonics through the SIPPS program.

Scholastic Book Orders - Thank you for the orders placed for the September book order. The October book order will be sent home this week and are due Friday, October 14th. The November/December order will come out in the beginning of November to allow for holiday books to be delivered on time. I encourage you to place your orders online as each online order earns one FREE book for our class.

PE - We will be out for PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please send students in appropriate clothing on these days. Also, as a way to encourage cardiovascular activity and movement I have started the "Running Club." Students gain entry into the club once they have completed 25 laps around the playground. We also have 50, 75, and 100 lap clubs.

Recycling- Thank you to those who have already brought in cans for our recycling program. Feel free to send your child with cans in the mornings. I will gladly accept plastic water bottles as well so if you have some, please send them in. All money raise through the recycling program will be used to pay for our end of the year celebrations.

Montessori Work- Students are being introduced to addition and subtraction materials as well as Language Arts word work activities. Students who are ready will begin independent work plans. The work plan asks them to complete an assignment on their own. The assignments are recorded in a Montessori Journal and then reviewed by me.

Spelling- Students will soon come home with spelling words. We will begin the year with sight word spelling practice. Eventually, we will have leveled spelling groups. Spelling lists will be assigned based off student needs and not all students will have the same list.

Ixl.com - IXL is much like Accelerated Math, but it is on the computer and accessible from home. Students are given standards based questions and are rewarded with virtual prizes. The website can be accessed from home and I can monitor all of the work that is completed. One of my favorite features of the website is that the questions can be read aloud to struggling readers so low reading fluency doesn't have to inhibit math skill development. Please let me know if you need the username or password.

Fire Safety Week: Next week is Fire Safety Week. Students will be making posters in class that align with the theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire." These will be inserted into a grade level competition with winning posters chosen by local fire fighters. We will visit the Smoke House on Monday, October 10th. On Friday, October 14th, we will go to a Fire Safety assembly. I am working out the details of a walking field trip to the fire station as well and will get you more information on that when it is available.

Virtual Field trips: We went on our first virtual field trip to Ana Nuevo State Park to learn about Mammals today. The great thing about these trips is that students are able to visit places that we never could go to as a class. We will also be taking virtual field trips to learn about the salmon life cycle and redwood ecology later this month.



10/7 Friday at the Flagpole
10/7 ROCK recess - 9:40 am
10/10 - 10/14 Fire Safety Week
10/14 Book Order Due

10/29 Reni Recess 10:00-10:20
10/28 Harvest Party - details to follow

