Reading:
In reading we have been working on predicting with fiction and non-fiction text as well as using context clues to understand vocabulary. The next two weeks we will be working on sequencing and summarizing events of a fiction story using transition words (first, next, then, finally, etc.). Students will be taught to find the important events in the beginning, middle, and end of the story through using previous knowledge of story elements (characters, setting, conflict and resolution, and plot).

In writing we continue to practice writing personal narratives using the writing process (plan, rough draft, revise, edit, final copy). Students are being instructed on how to use an introduction sentence, two to three detailed sentences, and a closing.

Math:
During the past week, we have spent time learning how to find two-digit numbers on a number line. In the next two weeks, we will be learning how to locate two-digit numbers on an empty number line. We will then be learning about time which will include reviewing time to the hour and half hour. Students will also learn another addition strategy: adding doubles.

Science:
This past week, we have used the Scientific Method to think like a scientist and conduct an experiment called “Growing Gummy Bears” to see what would happen to the mass/length of a gummy bear if it is left in a container of water for a period of time. We also started discussing magnets and how an object does not need to touch a magnet for the magnet to be attracted to it because of the magnetic field. We will be doing a magnet experiment early next week and have a test on Thursday, October 3rd about magnets.

Field Trip:
Second grade will be going on a field trip to Friends of the Rappahannock on Monday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 22nd. Three classes will be going each day. Here is the list of classes for each day:
Monday, October 21:
Norton, Phillips, Heider
Tuesday, October 22:
Wilson, Bacon, Novalski

The cost of the trip is $11. You may send in cash or check payable to PRES. You may also pay online with your credit card at the following link:

Students will be eating lunch during our trip. A bag lunch from the cafeteria may be purchased at least one week in advance by returning the form attached to the permission slip.

If you are interested in being a chaperone for our trip, you need to have your fingerprints taken at SCPS Human Resources. Fingerprinting is good for one year. If you were fingerprinted last fall, you will need to be fingerprinted again. If you were fingerprinted in the spring, then you are still ok for this trip.

Please let your child’s teacher know if you are interested in being a chaperone for this trip. Your child’s teacher will let you know if you are chosen to be a chaperone, then you may send in the $11 for yourself.

School nurses do not accompany students on field trips. If your child takes medication every day in the clinic and you would like the teacher to administer this medication during the field trip, please complete the form attached to the permission slip and return to school.
Phonics:
In phonics students have been working on r-controlled vowels. /er/ spelled ir, er, ear, ur and /or/ spelled or, ore
heard
disturb
skirt
server
cor
core
orbit

We will review the following patterns:
/ch/, /th/, /sh/, /w/, and /nk/, /ng/, ing endings, dge, ck, tch, and ed endings
rich
path
shut
chipmunk
bathtub
ring
sink
shark
singing
dodge
clock
watch
grilled

Report Card Conferences:
Teachers are in the process of scheduling report card conferences on October 14th. Your child’s teacher sent information about how to sign up for a conference. If you are unable to attend a conference on October 14th, let your child’s teacher know so that an alternate day and time can be determined. We look forward to seeing you at conference time to talk about your child’s progress.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 10:
Cici’s Spirit Night – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 11:
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.
End of First Quarter

Monday, October 14:
Professional Day – Columbus Day
No School for Students

Friday, October 18:
Report Cards Go Home

Thursday, October 24:
Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 26:
Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 31:
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5:
No School – Election Day – Professional Day

Friday, November 8:
Movie Night

Monday, November 11:
No School – Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 13:
Carlos O’Kelly’s – All Day

Thursday, November 14:
Picture Retakes

Friday, November 15:
Interims Go Home

Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29:
Thanksgiving Holidays

Important Dates

October Specials