**Reading:**

In reading, we have been working on summarizing events of a fiction story. The summary should include the important events in the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Next week we will focus on story elements, specifically conflict and resolution (problem and solution).

In writing, we continue to practice writing personal narratives using the writing process. We have introduced and practiced new ways to begin and end stories to get readers’ attention and to make them more exciting. We also worked on singular and plural nouns. Next week we’ll discuss past and present verbs.

In phonics, we have been reading and writing words with the long a and long I sound spelled various ways. We will then move onto spelling and reading words with the long o and long u sound.

**Math:**

In math, we practiced telling time to the hour using words and numbers with analog and digital clocks. We are now working on strategies to help improve our basic fact fluency. These strategies include using doubles, near doubles, and counting on. Next week, we'll begin working with three-digit numbers and place value. We will be able to identify and represent three-digit numbers using numbers, words, and models (blocks). Please continue having your child complete 2 – 4 lessons on DreamBox at home each week for homework.

**Social Studies:**

In social studies this past week, we have been focusing on the contributions to European exploration that were made by Christopher Columbus and why we recognize Columbus Day. We have also started our unit on understanding and using maps and globes to identify features of the earth.

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Impact Aid Forms:

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

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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

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No School – Veterans Day

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Carlos O’Kelly’s – All Day

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