Reading:
In Reading, we practiced summarizing fiction stories using key words like “Somebody… Wanted… But… So… Then” to help us remember the important parts of the story or passage. We have also been working on identifying the conflict (problem) and resolution (solution) in the story. Students need to be able to state the problem of a fiction story and explain how the problem was solved using the words “conflict” and “resolution.” Next week, we will be working with non-fiction books to identify and use text features to help us preview the text. We will focus on the table of contents, headings, bold type, captions, pictures, headings and maps.

In Phonics, we are working on long vowels. We have been working on the long vowels a, i, o, and u. We will be reviewing these patterns spelled with just the vowel and spelled with the silent e. For example: both (with just the vowel o) and cute (spelled u_e). This week we will also be working on words with other silent letters, including words spelled kn_ and gn as well as wr (knot, sign, write).

Math:
We have been learning about place value of three-digit numbers, including expanded form. This is a difficult concept for students and extra practice at home will help. An example of expanded form is 300 + 50 + 6 = 356. This week we will continue with three-digit numbers including comparing and ordering the numbers. We will then move to a new addition strategy, making tens, as well as review the strategies already learned: counting on, doubles and doubles +1.

Social Studies:
In Social Studies, we discussed the similarities and differences between maps and globes. We also located the Equator and Prime Meridian and used them to pick out the hemispheres. Lastly, students identified the names and locations of the seven continents and five oceans.

The students will have a test on the hemispheres, continents, and oceans next Friday. We will not be testing students on the United States landmarks at this time.
Be Someone’s Hero:

We have adopted the following motto: Be someone’s HERO! Here are ways to be someone’s HERO:

H: Have respect for others.
E: Encourage everyone to be polite
R: Report bullying to an adult
O: Offer help to those who are being bullied

Thanksgiving Baskets:

Our PRES SCA is partnering with AG Wright Middle School and Fredericksburg Food bank to provide Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in Stafford County. Park Ridge has been tasked with collecting stuffing. We will be accepting donations from October 28th until November 14th. Thank you so much for supporting PRES SCA!

Upcoming Events:

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

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

Friday, November 8:
Movie Night – Changed to January 24th

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

Friday, December 20:
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.
End of Second Quarter

December 23 – January 3:
Winter Break

Monday, January 6:
No School – Professional Day

Friday, January 10:
Report Cards Go Home

Friday, January 17:
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.

Monday, January 20:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday

Friday, January 24:
Movie Night

Monday, January 27:
No School – Professional Day

Friday, February 14:
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.

Monday, February 17:
No School – Presidents’ Day Holiday

Thursday, February 28:
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.