First News

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Daylight Savings ends (fall back) - November 3rd
Veteran’s Day (School in session).November 11th
Parade at 2:15 p.m.
PTA Meeting - November 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library
SAC Committee Meeting - November 14th at 3:45 p.m.
Library Field Trip...November 19th
Thanksgiving Break...November 27th - 29th

PTA/SAC Participation
PTA did another amazing job of raising money this year and we know that your help makes that happen! Help support planning for next year! The PTA would love to have you. SAC is a committee that supports our school’s academics. Your input is important to that process. Each classroom that has the most support on these committees receives extra money in their classroom budget!

Water Bottles
Children are forgetting their water bottles. Please make sure they bring one to stay hydrated during the cold winter days.

Snacks
We are in need of snacks for the classroom cupboards. Thank you!

Friday Folders/ I Can Read Notebooks
Keep remembering that RAMP folders, I Can Read Notebooks, and Friday Folders need to be returned on Monday. The children should be in this routine by now! Help!
**Math**
We have just finished our Unit 2 Math Test. The children continue to build schema about numbers, counting on, adding and subtracting, and making equations. We started Unit 3 this week. The focus of this unit will be finding an unknown partner and solving word problems. Your child will be learning how to break down word problems with our QUEST strategy. 

**Q** - question (underline the question)
**U** - understand (circle information that you need to use to help you understand the problem)
**E** - equation
**S** - solve

This strategy helps students learn how to solve problems into smaller chunks so they can tackle them with success!

**Writing**
We have been working on developing strong topic sentences, three big ideas, and some sense of closure in each of our paragraphs. We are also learning to use CUPS:

**C** - capitalization
**U** - usage
**P** - punctuation
**S** - spelling/spaces

Finally, we are working on using legible handwriting so our readers can understand our ideas.

**Reading**
In reading we have read the stories - *Far from Home* and *Going to School*. We are focusing on:

* using illustrations and details to find the main idea
* comparing and contrasting
* using picture clues to understand unknown words
* key details
* vocabulary

* describing and comparing characters
* describing setting

In our next unit, we’ll read the stories - *The Winner’s Choice* and *Hunter’s Money Jar*.

**Science**
We started our plants and animals unit for our life sciences standard. Students will learn how plants and animals go through life cycles. A life cycle is a series of stages living things go through during their life.