WEEKLY NEWS

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Dates at a Glance:

Oct. 13: Monster Dash + after party

Oct. 25: Spirit Day– Crazy Hair Day

Oct. 31: Halloween– appropriate costumes allowed :-)

Upcoming Birthdays:

- Leila Nov. 12th

Homeplay:

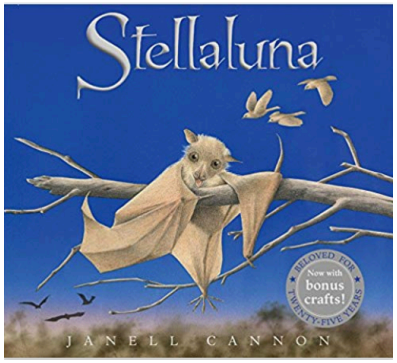
Math game: *Sum 20!*

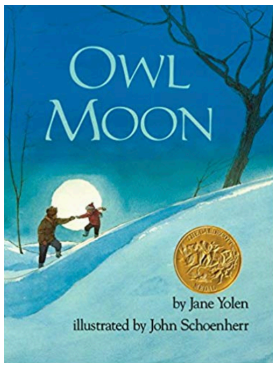
Spelling: week 5–long vs short vowels (test Friday)

Daily Reading + Seesaw Challenge (due end of Tues. each week; new challenge posted each Wed.)

Critical Literacy

October is such a fun month to be a child! We'll be harnessing some of the Halloween excitement by reading books like Stellaluna by Janell Cannon, then learning and reading about bats as the perfect and natural extension. A concept we'll discuss in Stellaluna is *being yourself and honoring your strengths, even when you want to be something you're not*. Also, reading Owl Moon by Jane Yolen will spring-board descriptive writing using the five senses.





National Day of Writing

Over the years, our district has celebrated the National Day of Writing (hosted by the National Writing Project) in a variety of ways. This year, the focus of NDoW is "Place." Next week, the 2nd grade team will use Owl Moon to inspire descriptive sentences using the five senses (if you



- If you haven't heard anything about the following from your child, try asking him/her about:
- 1) Mystery Doug
- 2) Math Groups and how we they have a different rotation each day
- 3) Drumming in music
- 4) Studying poems
- 5) Using Mentor Sentences to help us write
- 6) "Sticker Problems" in math

I could go on but won't! :-) :-)

(Aren't our portraits so cute!?!? >>>)

know the book you know it's full of those). We'll then head out on a "Nature Walk" around campus to photograph plants, flowers, trees... Hopefully it'll be a chance to see our 'new' campus, our learning p'place' in a different way. Then, using the writing and photos, kids will create a mini-project in *Book Creator* (app) to share their work.

Donations?

I'm looking for two different donations for our class. Please see me or email me if you're able to provide either of the following and I'll provide you with more specific information:

1) 24 mini-pumpkins for a class project (see picture in the sidebar).

2) three regular pumpkins for our "*Pumpkin Guess*" activity to learn about weight in math. The kids will guess the weights of the pumpkins (I'm aiming for one small, one medium, and one large pumpkin).

Enjoy this gorgeous October weather!

-Ms. Boyesen

