

NEWS FROM ROOM 1

Friday, October 28, 2016

Day 36

We juggled quite a bit in our seventh and eighth week of first grade. We learned how to use a new tool to help plan conversations in Reader's Workshop and continued to write our "All About" books. Here's what else we did...

TIMELINE SHARES

November is right around the corner! As we wrap up another year with the beautiful autumn season, we get nostalgic. Think about **3 to 7** important **EVENTS** in your life so far. Arrange them in a timeline using drawings or photographs. I'll send home a November/December calendar next week with your scheduled share day. Please email me if there's a conflict on your scheduled day. Let me know if you need materials like paper, markers, glue sticks or scissors.

WORTH RECORDING

We have used math games to expand our math thinking over the last few weeks of first grade. This week, we focused on transferring this symbolic work with manipulatives to paper by writing equations. You can practice writing equations for the number 10 or for a **challenge** try **36** in your Home Response Journal!

All About...

We are experts! We all know a lot about many kinds of things. Continuing through November we will zoom in on topics we know all about and author our own books. What do you know about pumpkins? What do you know about apples? What do you know about Halloween?

Notes:

1. Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31st. Details to follow!
2. There's **no school** for students on Tuesday, November 8th or Friday, November 11th.
3. **The County-Wide Evacuation Drill will be held on Thursday, November 3rd. Dismissal will be at 3:05 for students. We're asking that ALL students ride the bus home!**

Scarecrows

An **All About Pattern Book**
Shared writing by Room 1 writers

Have you ever seen a scarecrow?
Scarecrows can be a farmer. Scarecrows can be a little girl. Scarecrows can be a grandpa. Scarecrows can be Batman. AND sometimes scarecrows can even be a MONARCH ALIEN!!!!



Special Schedule for the Week of Oct. 31st– Nov. 4

Mon	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri
A Art Halloween! 10:00-10:45	B Physical Education	C Art	D P.E. Bring Library Book! Evacuation Drill!!!!	E P.E.

Special Schedule for the Week of Nov 7th– 11th

Mon	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri
F Music	X	A Art	B P.E.	X Veterans Day

First Grade Library Time

Yes!!! First Graders have a library class! But it is not a special area class like in kindergarten. First graders will be meeting with Ms. Martin, our school librarian, **every other week in a six day cycle**. They will meet with Ms. Pallus on the other weeks for a ½ hour coding class. For now, readers should pack their books safely in their backpacks on D days and/or F days (I KNOW ...super confusing). **Next week**, pack your library books on **Thursday (D day)**!

Book Baggies



Keep bringing your Book Baggie on Tuesdays! Chrissy, Ashley's mom, is working with each reader to find a "just-right" book to read at home. Each baggie contains a book, a Raz-Kids card, Raz-Kids directions and book baggie directions.

Home Response Journals

Today, a fancy journal covered with stickers went home with your child! This journal is for spontaneous "homework" that she or he (or YOU) want to do.

Here are some ideas:

- Number-of-the-day equations. You can find the number of the day on the front page of our newsletter (Today's is 36)
- The titles of books that YOU read or parents read at home.
- Science Writing. Draw, label and write about an object ...just like we do in school.
- Write me a letter!

This is **TOTALLY OPTIONAL!!!** Occasionally, I will list some extension ideas on the back of our newsletter. Hand it in once a week, month, or year and I will write you a letter back!