

Nance Nuggets 1st Grade

Reading: Our next unit in reading focuses on studying fiction and non-fiction about a topic. The students will be working on learning facts from non-fiction books and then reading a fiction book related to the same topic (dogs or birds, etc.). We will then use the fiction book to determine what is make-believe and what is based on fact (ex: in the fiction book about Sue's pet dog, the dog played fetch with Sue. That could really happen so it is not make-believe even though the book is telling a story. If Sue's dog talked to her and asked her "please throw the ball again" that is make-believe because dogs cannot really talk.).

Writing: This unit focuses on making our writing easy for others to read by mastering conventions and the ability to revise and edit. Students will be writing "All About" books that have a topic and supply some facts and information about that topic. Our biggest focus will be based on their ability (and many times willingness) to go back and fix their own work. We will be working on correct punctuation; capital letters only at the beginning of a sentence, proper nouns, and the word I; space between words; correct spelling of sight words and using all studied Letterland word patterns; and using a variety of sentence types and lengths.

Math: In math we will be learning strategies for solving addition and subtraction math facts with automaticity and deciding which strategy is the most efficient. The strategies include: Plus Zero ($9+0$), one more than ($9+1$), two more than ($9+2$), doubles ($2+2$; $3+3$; etc), doubles plus one ($2+3$; $3+4$, etc), make a ten ($7+3$, $6+4$, etc), decomposing to make a ten (If I am solving $8+4$ I can decompose 4 into 2 and 2 so $8+2=10$ and $10+2=12$ so $8+4=12$); subtract using a number line (hop back); subtract using ten frames and subtract using fact families (if I know that $2+7=9$ then I know $9-7=2$). The best way to help at home, is to have your child master their facts for 10 and their doubles. If they know these facts, mastering the strategies is much easier!



Classroom Events

February 7

Interims

February 10

Early Release

February 14

Valentine's Day

March 3

Track Out Day

March 27

Track In Day

For more school-wide dates please check the Sanford Creek Website at <http://www.wcpss.net/sanfordcreekes>

Letterland Review Test

Review tests happen every third unit. The next review tests will be as follows:

Units 19-21

Units 22-24

Units 25-27

Units 28-30

Units 31-33

Social Studies: We will be learning about the basic principles of economics including: wants, needs, goods, services, producers, consumers, income, supply, demand and scarcity. We will also study maps, their map key, compass rose and landforms; including how neighborhoods and communities change over time.

Valentine's Day: We will be having a Valentines Learning Experience on February 14th. We will be learning all about caring about and accepting others and ourselves. Students may bring in Valentine cards for their classmates. Please make sure that your child brings a Valentine for each student in our classroom, being that we do not want anyone to be left out. If you would like to donate an extra box of Valentine cards to a student who may be unable to purchase them, please feel free to do so. This would be a great help!! You may hand-make your Valentines if you do not want to purchase them. Thank you! I have included a class list to use while making your Valentines. Have fun!

1. Sawyer
2. Walker
3. Kameron
4. Miracle
5. Natalie
6. Ashlynn
7. Autumn

8. Corinne
9. Owen
10. Matthew
11. Phoenix
12. Jameson
13. Olivia
14. Joel

15. Brayon
16. Ashley
17. Elin
18. Isabella
19. Katherine
20. Brooke
21. Zayvien

Mrs. Dickens: It's with a lot of joy and some sadness that I share with you that Mrs. Dickens will no longer be with our class during fourth quarter. But her absence is for a VERY exciting reason! Her and Mr. Dickens are expecting their first child at the end of March. When we track back in, she will be staying home to be with her sweet baby! Make sure to wish her well before we track out March 3rd.