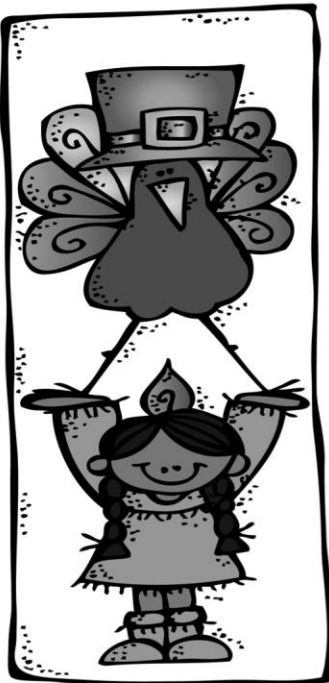


First Grade News

Mrs. Neilander

November 15, 2019



If I met with you in October for a Parent/Teacher Conference, please find your child's report card in their peechee today. If we are scheduled to meet on Monday, I will give it to you during the conference. All of the report cards have several NA's marked for areas which we assess later in the school year. Also, in many areas, a 2 (Does not meet standard: approaching/developing with support) is the highest score possible at this time of year. 2's were used in areas where the students are doing fine, but not meeting the end of the year standard, so we weren't able to put a 3. Please let me know if you have any questions about your child's report card.

Author of the Week

Mo Willems

Thanksgiving Snack Feast

We will be having a potluck Thanksgiving snack feast with the Pilgrims and Native Americans from the other two first grade classes on Tuesday, Nov. 26th. If each child brings 12 finger food items to share, we will have plenty. Ideas include baby carrots, raisins, mini peanut butter sandwiches, apple slices, or small granola bars. I will provide juice, plates, and napkins.

Questions to ask your child:

- *What are some nicknames for the state of Nevada? (Battleborn State, Silver State, Sagebrush State)
- What did we find at the end of our Nevada Treasure Hunt? (silver)
- What is our state bird? (mountain blue jay)
- What is our state flower? (sagebrush)

mark your calendar

There is no school on the following days:

- Monday, November 18th (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- Wednesday–Friday, November 27-29 (Thanksgiving)

We have scheduled a Field Trip for Thursday, December 12th to go to The Brewery Arts Center in Carson City to see a play.



we are learning

Reading

The reading level target for this time of year is a Level 8. On the report card this is indicated by "DRA" levels. This stands for "Developmental Reading Assessment".

Writing

This week we finished up writing informative pieces about Nevada. We are now writing topic sentences, at least 3 detail sentences, and ending with a concluding sentence. We've also talked about adding "spicy words" (adjectives and adverbs) to our pieces.

math $+\frac{2}{4}$

As I explained on the note attached to report cards, most of our math for this first trimester has been understanding basic addition, subtraction, and how they relate. Therefore, the report cards have a lot of "NA"s in areas that we cover later in the year.

Science & Social Studies

We finished up our Science unit on light and sound this week. Our last lesson this week was working in small groups to use light or sound (without voices) to signal someone if we were lost in the forest. Their projects were creative and resourceful. We also just finished up studying Nevada and it's state symbols.