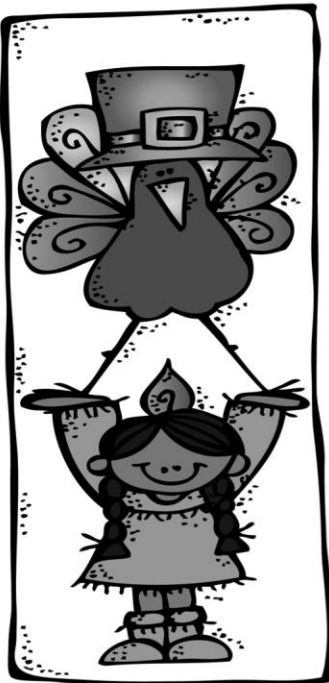


First Grade News

Mrs. Neilander

November 7, 2019



It's hard to believe that the end of our first trimester is already here. It is also hard to squeeze everything into our crazy month of November. Monday, November 18th is our day set aside for Parent/Teacher conferences. If I did not meet with you in October, please look for a conference note in today's peechee. If you have other children at M.E.S., I contacted their teacher and tried to plan conferences back-to-back. If that time does not work, we may not be able to make that happen. Please return the conference note to school on Monday noting if you are able to attend or not. Thank you!

Author of the Week

Mo Willems

Sight Words

Thank you for being so diligent about working on sight words with your child. As they get more difficult, it usually takes at least a few weeks to pass a level. I really want them to have the words memorized to read quickly without having to sound them out. So, it may take a little longer to work through the levels, but they will have a stronger foundation. The district lists that I have been using stop at Level H. After that, I will switch to a different list with numbered levels. There will be some repetition of words, which will serve as a good review.

Keep up the hard work!

Questions to ask your child:

- *What is the most interesting fact you learned about Nevada this week?
- *Why is Nevada called The Silver State?
- *What is the state bird of Nevada?
(The Mountain Blue Jay)
- *What is the Nevada state flower?
(sagebrush)

mark your calendar

*There is no school on the following days:

Nov. 8th (Teacher Work Day)

Nov. 11th (Veteran's Day)

Nov. 18th (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Nov. 27-29 (Thanksgiving Break)

Field Trip

Thursday, December 12th

(Brewery Arts Center to see a play)



we are learning

Reading

Some of the questions that go with our reading assessment include: "Can you tell me the story in your own words using *beginning*, *middle*, and *end*?", "Does this story remind you of anything?", and "What is your favorite part of this story? Why?", and "Does this story remind you of anything in your life?"

Writing

We are learning and writing about Nevada and our state symbols for the next two short weeks. We are beginning to add concluding sentences to our writing pieces as well. **Walk-a-Thon Proceeds**—Our class earned \$302.50 from the Walk-a-Thon! Thank you to all who participated. We will use a portion of that for our field trip in December!

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

We finished the first module of our math curriculum! We are now moving on to our second module which focuses on using the same strategies we know to add numbers within 20.

Thanksgiving Snack Feast

We will be having a potluck snack feast on Tuesday, November 26th. If each child brings a finger food to share with about 12 students, we will have plenty. Ideas for snack foods include popcorn, celery sticks with peanut butter, crackers and salami, string cheese, small muffins, or sliced fruit. We will dress like Pilgrims and Native Americans to enjoy our snack feast. I will provide juice and plates.
Thank you!