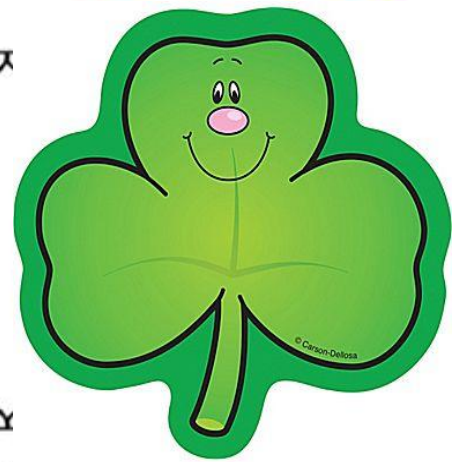


Murray's Minutes: March Edition



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Dr. Seuss & Creepy Creatures!

To celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, we're sharing many Dr. Seuss books this month!

- Cat in the Hat,
 - Cat in the Hat Comes Back,
 - Fox in Socks,
 - Wacky Wednesday,
 - Green Eggs and Ham, &
 - One Fish, Two Fish, Red, Fish, Blue Fish
- are so fun to read!



In the coming months, we'll also be reading non-fiction books from a series called **Creepy Creatures**. We will be looking for text features that a non-fiction book has:

- main idea
- key details to support main idea
- FACTS, not opinions
- while also learning how to recall facts that we have learned from a non-fiction text.

I CAN... identify main topic and retell key details,

I CAN... make connections between two ideas in a book (compare and contrast),

I CAN... recognize different types of text



Happy Birthday!!

Q3 Sight Word Reminder!

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Working on Language (ELA) Skills!

We're identifying the beginning, middle & ending sounds in words. We'll be spelling C-V-C words in isolation & in Writer's Workshop. **Keep practicing those tricky short vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u)**

We're also working hard on:

- adding -s, -ed, & -ing to words.
- Change a letter in a word to make a new word.
- Read, say and write rhyming words!

I CAN... quickly read Q3 sight words (including Q1 & Q2!)

I CAN... identify sounds in isolation

I CAN... hear, say & write words that rhyme

I CAN... add or change letters to make new words

I CAN... spell simple words & read C-V-C words

Reminders for Families!

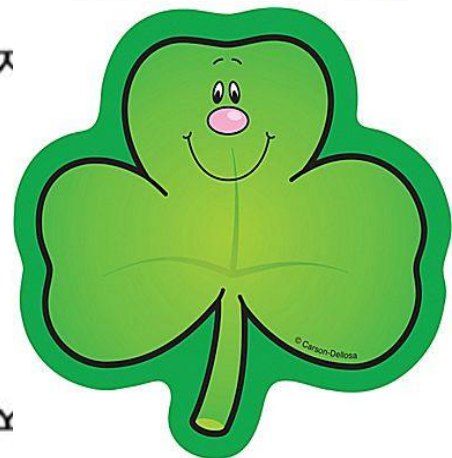
- **Wed. March 6th:** Whole-school Wacky Wednesday to celebrate Dr. Seuss week! ☺
- **Fri., March 8th:** Education Foundation Casino Night @ the Odyssey!
- **Fri., March 8th:** our field trip to see "Jack & the Beanstalk" at the Beverly Arts Center!
 - **Please eat a BIG breakfast the morning of the play & still send a lunchbox as usual, as we won't be eating lunch until we return!**
- **March 18-22nd:** FSP Family Book Fair (3:30 pm -8:00pm) !
 - **We'll shop @ the fair on Fri. 3/22 from 12:15 – 12:50. You're welcome to join!**



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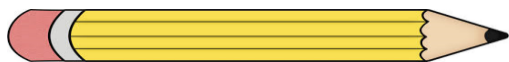


Writer's Workshop

We have made the jump into writing All-About books! With our upcoming "All-About Penguins" mini-unit as a fun kickoff, the kids are excited to embrace being the teachers themselves! 😊

(We learned the big **difference between fact & opinion**)

They will even have the chance to read their stories to some 1st grade friends!



Their All-About books contain pages that are full of facts about a particular topic on which **they** are the experts.

Here's what they have been working on when learning how to check & edit their writing:

- I drew and wrote about a topic.
- I told what my topic was going to be about.
- I wrote different facts I know about the topic on my pages.
- I have a last page.
- I wrote across the pages.
- I wrote some details & important facts about my topic.
- I wrote a table of contents page.
- I can read my own writing.
- I added labels to give more information.

Math

We have some INCREDIBLE mathematicians in here! 😊 So many friends have been flying through their fluency timed sprints with addition facts, & they are saying "bring it on!" to more challenges – including subtraction!

Through the end of Q3, will continue to solve story problems and practice addition facts and strategies:

- Writing addition sentences
- +0 facts
- + 1 facts, & adding on
- Using counters to solve problems
- Composing teen numbers
- 'quick facts' – math facts up to 5 that we can add/subtract in a **SNAP!** (without manipulatives)
- discovering what the 'missing number' is to make 10!



I CAN ... make a number less than 10 by putting together two groups of pictures or objects.

I CAN ... show how the numbers 11-19 are made of 10 ones & more ones

I CAN ... show what number is needed to add to another number to make 10.

I CAN ... add to solve word problems.

I CAN ... compare two written numerals to decide which is greater than, less than, or equal to

Even More Reminders!

- **March 22nd:** End of Quarter 3
- **March 25th - 29th:** **Spring Break!**
- **Fri., Apr. 5th:** Q3 Report Cards sent home! Please sign/return the envelope!
- **Friday, May 10th:** **Mother's Day Tea in the afternoon! SAVE THE DATE!!!**

