

Mr. Garnai and Miss Kelly's Newsletter



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Please look for this Class Newsletter at the beginning of each month. It is our hope that it will give you an insight into what your child is studying in class so that you can support your child as a learner at home and engage them in conversations about their learning. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

What is a learning target?

You will read about learning targets in our monthly Class Newsletter. Learning targets are the objectives that the students are studying that week. They are listed in kid friendly language. Your child should always be able to tell you about our weekly learning targets.

Reading Learning Targets

~I can read words with short vowels.

~I can take part in creating a mission for our time together in Literacy class, set literacy goals for myself and create rules for Literacy Class.

~I can practice my reading and writing skills in Literacy Stations.

Writing Learning Targets

~I can focus on a topic in my Writer's Notebook.

~I can write the whole time in writing station.

~I can write about things that are important to me.

Language Arts Update

In Reading and Writing class we have spent a great deal of time learning classroom procedures and routines we will use in our daily Literacy Stations. This learning and practice is an essential component for the students' smooth transition to, and their effective use of, time in Literacy Stations daily.

We have also spent our first days together creating a mission statement for reading & writing class. Also, both classes worked together to create classroom rules so we can make the most out of our reading /writing time together!

The kids were really thoughtful and reflective as they created both of these structures that will help us build our classroom culture and purpose this year as we work and learn together!

Math Update

We have been studying odd and even numbers, writing numbers in different ways and place value (ones and tens digits) during math class during the last few weeks. The next unit will start next week. It will cover use of three digit numbers.

The students will have math homework on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings unless there is an unusual situation that requires math homework to be done on a weekend. The students have been doing an excellent job of completing their homework. Thank you for your help.

Math Essential Question

How can you use place value to model, write, and compare 3-digit numbers?

Math Learning Targets

Understand that the three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens, and ones

Count within 1000; skip count by 5s, 10s, and 100s

Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form.

Mentally add 10 or 100 to a given number 100-900, and mentally subtract 10 or 100 from a given number 100-900.

Compare two three-digit numbers based on meanings of the hundreds, tens, and ones digits, using $>$, $=$, and $<$ symbols to record the results of comparisons.

Math Vocabulary:

Place value, hundred, thousand, compare, greater than, less than, equal

Science Update

We will be starting the year in science with a short unit on scientific inquiry and the use of different tools that scientists use to collect data.

Science Learning Targets

How do we use inquiry skills?

How do we use science tools?

What tools can we use?

How do scientists think?

How do we solve a problem?

Vocabulary:

Inquiry Skills, Science Tools, Thermometer, Investigate, Hypothesis, Draw Conclusions, Communicate

Social Studies Update

In social studies we will be studying about people working together in school, at home, and in their communities.

Social Studies Learning Targets

I can work collaboratively in groups to determine goals and determine if goals are reached.

I can assign tasks/responsibilities for individuals to complete.

I can manage conflict peacefully by displaying courtesy and respecting others in the group.

Social Studies Vocabulary

Consequences, Accountability, Conflict