

Happy November! We are so happy to continue to be in the classroom with the kids. The kids are continuing to do a great job during the day wearing their masks and washing their hands. Thank you for your help at home reinforcing skills to be safe at school.

**Reading:** We completed our Messaging Meaning Unit in reading and are beginning our next unit called **Finding the Features**. Students will participate in a study of fiction and nonfiction, explaining the difference between stories and informational text and using text features to locate key information.

The kids have been working hard during our daily whole group **Word Study** instruction. The focus this month is soft c and soft g followed by vowel teams (when two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking).

**Writing:** We have started our **Informative Writing** Unit. Students will learn to write a variety of informative pieces using factual information. Students will name a topic and include information, facts, details, and some sense of closure. We will continue to focus on correct conventions throughout the unit.

**Math:** We have started Unit 3 in **Everyday Math**. In this unit, students will be practicing solving addition and subtraction number stories. Students will also be introduced to ordering by length and finding unknown numbers.

**Social Studies:** Our next unit in Social Studies is American Traditions. This is a study of the importance of celebrations and national holidays as a way of remembering and honoring people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage.

We continue to build our class communities using the **Second Step** curriculum. Students are increasing their self-awareness and learning strategies for self-care and caring for others.

Important Dates:

- Grandpa Dan (virtual storyteller) - Tuesday 11/3
- PTO Virtual Meeting with the Principal - Wednesday 11/4 at 6:30 pm
- Veterans Day - No School on Wednesday 11/11
- No School Monday 11/23 through Friday 11/27