

NEILSON NEWS

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Reminders

- **PICTURE DAY TOMORROW, OCTOBER 7TH!**

Important Dates

This week::

- 10/7 - Picture Day
- 10/9 - Library Books Due
- 10/9 - Fun Lunch - Quesadillas
- 10/9 - Spelling Test & Spelling Homework Due
- 10/9 - Scholastic Book Orders Due
- 10/10 - No School- Staff Development
- 10/13 - No School - Columbus Day

Coming Up:

- 10/13 - No School - Columbus Day
- 10/15 - Field Trip - Morton Arboretum
- 10/30 - No School PM

Happy Birthday!

- None in October

Star Student Schedule

- 10/20 - Virginia Gearhart

NEILSON NOTES

We had a great week together! We finished our study of Apples and started our Seed Observations. The students are so excited every day to see what has sprouted! We planted a kidney bean, a pea, a sunflower seed, and a pumpkin seed. So far the kidney beans are growing the fastest.

This week our Star Student was Alice Iammartino. It was her birthday on Monday, too. We had a great visit from her mom, Kathryn Iammartino, who read a book to the class for Alice's birthday.



We are really enjoying the Ultimate Estimator Game we play every Friday. The Star Student brings in a jar full of items and the class individually estimates the quantity. The closest estimator becomes the "Ultimate Estimator of the Week". Sometimes we have a tie, so the title is shared. This week Alex and Ella shared the title.

READING

Your child should have brought a book home to read to you last week. These books need to come back to school on Thursday mornings. It will be in a protective Ziploc bag. I will often refer to this as a "Bag-it Book" since it goes back and forth in a bag. A letter with information on the program was included as well. Please practice with your students. We are working on fluency. If the book is too hard, please send it back and we will exchange. We will do this every week until the holiday break.

Please see the attached Journeys Focus Wall newsletter for other skills that we will be working on this week!

FIELD TRIP

Chaperones - **Mrs. Colucci, Ms. Lurana Brown, and Mrs. Goldberg**

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather! Dress in layers, we will be outside for part of the field trip and the wind can be gusty. **A disposable lunch will be needed on this day.**

Spelling

The spelling packets look good. The first page can be ripped off and kept at home to practice all week.

A couple of notes...please make sure the sentences your student writes uses **one word per sentence.** There are 5 words and each word needs a complete sentence, using capitalization and correct punctuation.

Also, spelling is supposed to be a nightly practice of the words. Please have your child complete one section each night or if you child wishes to complete it all in one day, add spelling activities to nightly homework so your child continues to practice all week long. I have attached October suggestions.

WRITING

We completed our September Journals and I will be sending them home soon. The focus of the first month journal is to get the students writing daily. In October, we will be working on capitalization and punctuation, using the word wall and developing our entries to tell a complete story.

MATH

This week we will continue to build fluency with facts to 10 and will have a mid-modules assessment. After, the unit focuses on students understanding the meaning of subtraction as it relates to addition. The number bond will continue to serve as a bridge between prior learning and the introduction of new concepts. Students will be using a number path to help them find one part, count on to the total, and determine the number of counts it took to get to that total from the part. Below is a number path.



SCIENCE - Living Organisms

We built two aquatic and two woodland habitats this week. The plants arrive this week and the living organisms will arrive next week. Like professional scientists, the boys and girls will record their data and observations in journals.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will explore the Columbus Day holiday. We will read some stories about the ships that sailed over and do a creative project with some writing about what it would be like to discover a new world.

READING BUDDIES

Our "Reading Buddy" program will begin on Thursday, October 16! The boys and girls will have the chance to read their weekly practice book to a buddy during our morning reading block time (8:30 - 9:00 a.m.)

Thursday - Karen Goldberg & Victoria Silveira
 Friday - Kathryn Iammartino, every first Friday.

Still looking for parents to help with reading on Friday mornings.

