

October 18, 2019

Homework Packet #6

Dear Parents,

In reading we are started guided reading groups last Tuesday. It was hectic for a bit as children became used to the schedules. We have children coming and going to tutoring and skill groups based on their academic need. We are working on the concepts of visualizing the story while reading. Good readers make pictures in their heads while they read. Great readers see the words flow on the page, but it almost feels like a movie is playing in their head. In math we continue working on the multiplication and division using repeated addition and math number bonds.

The children are in the process of writing thank you notes to the chaperones and donors to our Severson Dells field trip. We are in the process of editing and making final copies right now. This takes a long time and is a long process. The companies and foundations that sponsor the Illinois Bio-Diversity Field Trip Grant and pay for our trip to Severson Dells are Independence Tube Corporation, The Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation, and the D.F. and M.T. Grohne Family Foundation.

Computers and the internet are coming back slowly. We were able to use Chromebooks this week on a limited basis. It seems to be very intermittent. One day it works, the next hour it doesn't work. We are all utilizing patience until everything is up and running and fixed. The fantastic news is that on Wed. morning we had a working clock in the classroom. We no longer hear the chimes ringing every 3 minutes (the bells have been tolling every three minutes 24 hours a day since September 6 when we were hacked)

The children have a book report that is due Friday, October 25th. As always if you would like to turn the report in early, just send it in the orange folder. Most of the children should be reading a chapter book for the report. A book that takes one to three nights to read is too short.

Remember, Friday night is PTO's Fall Fest. It will be here at school from 5-8pm. The children are not allowed to wear costumes to school on Halloween. Our celebration is on Friday night in costumes.

Have a great weekend!

Thank You, Betsy Burgoyne