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Dolphin Pod Post

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Upcoming Dates:

10/3 Picture Day10/5 No School10/7 Field Trip to Butler's Orchard10/13 Interims Distributed10/24 No School

Updates/Reminders

-We have a 5-minute snack time every day to adjust to our lunch time. Please consider sending in a healthy snack with your child (separate from his/her lunch).

-Snack donations of individually-packaged items are very much appreciated. Thank you to those who have already donated to support the whole classroom!

-If your child brings a water bottle to school, please make sure it is labeled with his/her name.

-Masks continue to be optional. However, we will still distribute KN95 masks each week to students who want/need one, and we will also have paper masks available daily.

-If your child will be leaving school a different way than his/her normal mode of transportation, please let the school know before 3:15 p.m. Changes cannot occur beyond this window.

English Language Arts

In reading this month...

We will be reading and writing about being a good community member. Students will explore the many ways people support their communities. The selections feature a variety of genres, including nonfiction, poetry, realistic fiction, and biography. Since home and school are key parts of a community, this is a perfect unit to kick off our program.

Click here for the Unit 1 Family Letter

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Math

In math this month ...

We will continue working on Module 1. In Topic D, students will further their understanding of the *counting on* strategy by using 5-group cards. In Topic E, students will expand their knowledge of two basic ideas of mathematics: equality and the commutativity of addition (ex: 4 + 3 = 3 + 4). In Topic F, students will make more generalizations that support their deepening understanding of addition within 10. In Topic G, students will be able to relate addition to subtraction. Click the link below to learn more about what we are learning in class, as well as some tips for how to help at home.

Click here for Eureka Math Tips for Module 1

Science

In science this month...

We are focusing on the natural patterns of the sun and the moon in the sky. We will also observe and discuss patterns related to the seasons.

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