

classroom newsletter

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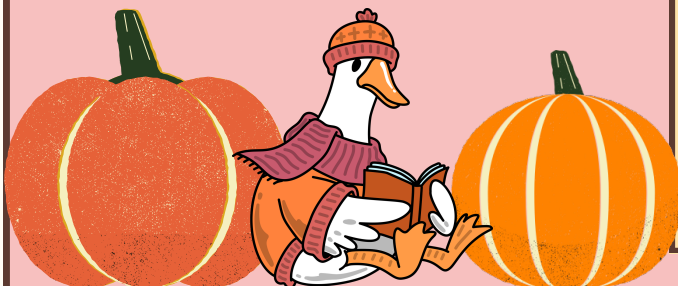
a note from the teachers

We've loved these first few weeks of school getting to know each of our students—their personalities, strengths, and unique interests. It's been wonderful seeing them settle into routines and grow more confident each day. We're excited for the learning and memories ahead this school year. Thank you for supporting your child's growth, and please continue encouraging them to be respectful, responsible, and safe each day.



reminders

- Check your child's folder daily.
- Stay updated on classroom news through ParentSquare messages from your child's teacher and our principal, Ms. Velasquez.
- Encourage your child to return library books as they finish reading them so they can check out new ones.
- Sign up for parent conferences soon!



upcoming events

- **October 7th:** PTA meeting (virtual)
- **October 9th:** PTA/ELD Culture Night
6:00–7:30 PM
- **October 14th:** Principal Parent Workshop (Math)
- **October 16th:** No School for Students
- **October 23rd:** Fall Celebration
- **October 26th–30th:** Fall Book Fair



harvesting knowledge this October

Reading and Writing

Skills: We're wrapping up Unit 1 of the Skills Strand, where students built strong reading foundations by sounding out words and recognizing spelling patterns—key steps to becoming confident, independent readers. Next, in Unit 2, we're diving into the “**magic e**” in words like name and kite. Unlike the old term “**silent e**,” we call it “magic e” because it changes the vowel's sound—turning kit into kite. This helps students see how all letters work together to make sounds, strengthening their decoding and spelling skills.

Knowledge: The Human Body domain introduces students to five key systems—**skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory, and nervous**—showing how they work together to keep us healthy. Building on background knowledge from earlier domains, students will better understand the engaging read-alouds they'll hear.

In the second half, they'll learn about germs, healthy habits, and important figures like Edward Jenner and Louis Pasteur. Activities such as creating meals with MyPlate will help them connect lessons to real life and build lifelong healthy habits.

Math

We wrapped up Unit 1, where students focused on organizing data, interpreting graphs, and building fluency with addition and subtraction within 10.

We are now starting Unit 2: Addition and Subtraction Story Problems! **Students will:**

- Read and solve different types of story problems (adding, taking away, and comparing).
- Solve equations with unknown amounts (e.g., $5 + _ = 8$)
- Explore how addition and subtraction relate to each other.

Home Tip: Ask your child to solve mini story problems using everyday items at home!

Social Studies

In Social Studies, students have been exploring the importance of rules and responsibilities both at school and at home. They've also been learning about leadership—discovering what makes a good leader and discussing positive ways they can step up as leaders in our school community every day!

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