First Grade News

The Heights Community School

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**Conferences:**

I look forward to seeing you all at conferences next week. Please come at your scheduled time, the schedule is very full. If your scheduled time does not work for you please call to reschedule a time that works. Thank you.

**Reading:**

Next week the book we will be reading is Where do Animals Live. The objectives for the week are:

* Students will use what they already know to ask questions.
* Students will look at photographs to predict the author’s message.
* Students will use text features to learn new information.
* Students will find new facts.

Please make sure your child returns their book bag daily. If their book log is filled out and signed they will come home with a new book. It is important for your child to read with you every night; beginning readers need to practice daily.

**Phonics**

**New Words:**

**for we on with**

**that she he by**

**your very**

**Review Words:**

**I a am see can the**

**come here big like this my what saw play are said go to**

**not do up have**

**little**

**Writing:**

Students are writing Persuasive Letters.

Students are working on:

- Forming an opinion about a topic.

- Stating their opinion.

- Writing a conclusion.

They will continue to work on:

- Leaving spaces between words

- Including punctuation (periods, exclamation points). We will introduce the use of a comma.

- Using lower case and upper case

letters appropriately.

- Stretching out familiar words.

- Using word chunks.

- Using the word wall.

**Math:**

This week in math we started Unit 3, we will be working on the following High Priority Standards:

-Solving addition and subtraction problems, including word problems.

-Skip counting by 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s.

-Counting up and back from any given number.

-Subtracting by counting back, and add by counting forward.

-Identifying and completing patterns. **Pattern test will be next week.**

In this unit, students will be taught to use number lines, number charts, pictures, and/or other means to show their understanding.

Please practice counting coins and skip counting at home; these are skills that take a lot of practice. ☺

Please continue to work on addition and subtraction facts.

**Cold Weather:**

We have been very fortunate this year and had a fall with great weather. As you prepare for colder weather please remember we go outside everyday. Please have your child wear warm a warm jacket, hat and mittens if it is cold outside. Once it snows, students will need boots in order to play on the field area; otherwise he/she will play on the blacktop. Labeling your child’s winter clothing will help if it gets lost.

**Upcoming Events:**

**November:**

**11/9:** Fundraiser Pick Up

3:00-5:30

**11/14:** Movie night at the plaza; 6:00

**11/15:** Evening Conferences

4:30-7:30

**11/17:** No School – **PreK Only**

Evening Conferences 4:30-7:30

**11/18:** No School –Conferences 8-3

**11/23:** Picture Retake Day

CARES Program – 9:30

**11/24-11/25:** No School, Holiday

**December:**

**12/8:** Saints North Roller Skating

6:00-8:00

**12/12:** Movie night at the plaza; 6:00

**12/21:** CARES Program – 2:00

**12/22-1/2: NO SCHOOL**

Winter Break