First Grade News

The Heights Community School

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**REMINDER: No school Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Headphones:**

If you have not already sent headphones please do. The students will use their own headphones for the year.

**Rituals and Routines:**

We have been working on learning our school-wide expectations:

**During recess, students will:**

C- Invite others to play

A- Communicate their needs

R- Follow the Rules

E- Play Fair

S- Play Safe

**Bathroom Expectations:**

* Keep it clean
* Set a good example
* Wash your hands
* Respect others property (when in the hallway)
* Quiet voice

**Please remind your student the importance of washing their hands when they are done in the bathroom.**

**Reading:**

This week in reading we used books from the AMAZE curriculum. The curriculum helps us learn about working together. The students worked on making connections to stories.

Next week our book is Nine Days of Camping. Students will make and check predictions, use words to make pictures in their minds, use rhythm to help them read, and make connections.

**Phonics**

We are reviewing letters and their sounds using the Zoo Phonics curriculum. We are beginning to practice reading words that have the letter sounds we have reviewed. We also learn new words weekly. Please review them with your child so they are able to read them quickly and learn the spelling.

**Review Words:**

**I a am see can the**

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

**New Words:**

**Not do up have in little**

**Math**

In math we are working in Unit #2.

In Unit 2, students will be focusing on solving addition and subtraction number stories. Unit 2 also introduces number grids, complements of ten, counting money and telling time.

We are also working on the math fact +1, +2, -1, -2. Please practice these facts at home with your child.

Please continue to work on writing tally marks, showing numbers in many ways and practice addition facts with your child.

**Writing**

We will be finishing up our Writing for Readers Unit next week. We will learn to record our stories on the iPad.

Students will:

- Write a story that zooms in on a small moment.

- Leave spaces between words

- Include punctuation

- Use lower case and upper case

 letters appropriately

- Use the word wall as a resource

- Stretch out familiar words

**Upcoming Events:**

**October:**

**10/19:** Chuck E. Cheese 3:00-9:00

**10/20-10/21: NO SCHOOL**

**10/25:** Picture Day

**10/26:** Chat with the Principal 8:45

CARES Program – 2:00

**10/27:** Family Math Night & Flu Clinic

**10/28:** No School – Conference Prep Day

**November:**

**11/8:** Election Day

**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