

Mrs. Hall's Newsletter

November 25, 2019

Specials

11/25 – Technology
11/26 – PE (tennis shoes!)
11/27 – No School
11/28 – Thanksgiving
11/29 – Break

12/2 – Art
12/3 – Music
12/4 – Science
12/5 – Character Education
12/6 – Media (books!)



What We Are Learning

Reading: While we will finish up studying nonfiction books this week and transition into studying fiction books, we will continue to use our knowledge of nonfiction during our writing and science blocks to support our project work. We will review the difference between fiction and nonfiction books (RL1.5). When reading fiction books, students will describe the characters and retell important parts of the story (setting, problem, solution, the moral) (RL1.2, 1.3).

Writing: We will finish our informational writing unit (but students will use these skills to continue their rock projects) and begin opinion writing. Students will state an opinion, provide some reasons for the opinion, and provide a sense of closure (W1.1). Ask your student about the *Pigeon* books we read to help us make opinions!

Math: Students will represent and solve addition and subtraction word problems within 20. We will solve problems with an unknown in different positions. These include missing addend problems and comparing problems (ex. $8 + \underline{\quad} = 10$) (OA1.1). It is important that students not only find the correct answer but also can explain in pictures and/or words how they found it. We will solve addition word problems with three addends, as well (OA1.2).

Science: Students will continue researching and creating our rock projects. Students chose various topics based on our classroom lessons, guest experts, and field experiences. Ask your student what he or she did during project time each day!

Announcements

1. We earned another Pajama Day during our Fun Run fundraiser! It will be *Tuesday, November 26*. Students can bring slippers to change into if they would like to.
2. If we have not met for a conference, please e-mail me to set up a date and time: gHall@wcpss.net.
3. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to the ARES School Council's Food Drive until December 16. Students can bring items into class and we will place them in the donation boxes.
4. When reading at home, make sure to work on comprehension and fluency. It is important that students can not only read the words but also understand the plot or information in the book.

Dates:

November 26: Pajama Day

November 27-29: No School – Thanksgiving Break

November 12-December 16: Food Drive

December 6: Scholastic Book Order due

December 7: Saturday Make-Up Day 9:15-12:45pm

Winter Concert 11:30am

December 11: Project Culmination 9:30-10:15 (parent invite to come!)

Classroom Wishlist

- trifolds and poster board (for project)
- Post-It notes
- old, kid-friendly magazines (National Geographic for Kids, LadyBug, Ranger Rick, etc.)

Have a wonderful week ☺

- Mrs. Hall