

CLASSROOM NEWS

Week of October 21, 2019

WEEK AHEAD

Happy Monday, families!

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend. This week, our class will be using the book Stellaluna to build comprehension skills and vocabulary. It is a longtime favorite, and the class enjoyed listening to it today! The book provides rich language, which will help us recognize vivid verbs and adjectives. We will also practice summarizing and use accompanying nonfiction texts to identify facts about bats.

In math, we are deep in our study of place value. We are focusing our week on different ways to name and record numbers. First, we will use base 10 blocks to look at expanded form. Students will identify the value of each digit in a number. The concept of *value* versus *place value* of a digit can be tricky, so we will spend plenty of time practicing this important skill.

The students will also be starting their first personal narratives of the year! Coming up with a topic can be difficult, so it may help to talk at home about experiences they've had that could become a story. We have a few lists started that will help generate ideas, like "Times I felt scared/excited/nervous/etc."

Have a great week, and I can't wait to speak with you all Thursday and Friday!

- Mrs. Mare

SPELLING

We are still practicing digraphs and blends.

Students are quickly able to identify the difference between the two. This week, we are also working on the ending sound /k/.

We will learn when to end a word with **ck** and when to end a word with **k**. You may practice at home by spelling words like *sock*, *mask*, *tick*, *took*, *bask*, etc.

Stellaluna artwork



IMPORTANT DATES

10/21 – 10/25 Scholastic Book Fair
10/24 & 10/25 Half-days for students; parent-teacher conferences
10/25 Halloween Dance 6-8pm
11/1 Slips/\$ due for 3/11/20 field trip
11/14 Picture retake day

ODDS & ENDS

- Please sign our take-home calendars each night that a student reads 20+ minutes
- Permission slips & payment for Zeiterion Theatre field trip due 11/1

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