

CLASSROOM NEWS

Week of October 7, 2019

WEEK AHEAD

Happy Monday, families!

Welcome to a new week. During the four-day school week, our class will start a new math unit. Last week, we wrapped up our data unit, covering tally charts, picture graphs, and bar graphs. Although we completed the official unit, the skills learned will be addressed throughout the year. During students' time in second, they will be continuously working with data. Tomorrow, we will begin our work with place value, review our understanding of odd and even numbers, and learn a few new math games. One of our favorite math warm-ups is a game called Pica Ferme Nada. It is something you can play at home, too! I'm sure students would be happy to share how to play this game. Part of our place value work in class is identifying the value of each digit.

This will be a major focus for lessons (and years) to come.

In our literacy block, the class will focus on summarizing fiction. Our mentor text for the week is *A Bad Case of Stripes*, by David Shannon. It is a great text to use for practice summarizing, and it is also a terrific reminder to be yourself. The text will launch class discussions about respecting others' interests and likes, as well as feeling confident to share your own. Have a great week!

- Mrs. Mare

SPELLING

Our first spelling unit heavily reviews digraphs and blends from first grade. Blends are created when two or more consonants combine and each maintains its own sound. Students can practice by identifying digraphs and blends in words like **slush**. (sl = blend; sh = digraph).

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IMPORTANT DATES

10/11 No school for students

10/14 No school – Columbus Day

10/24 & 10/25 Half-days for students; parent-teacher conferences

ODDS & ENDS

If you would still like to join Bloomz, please visit www.bloomz.net and email me directly for our class code.

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