

January Newsletter

Happy New Year—2023

Teachers Desk

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and this new year finds everyone happy, healthy and ready to get back to school.

I wanted to let you know that I will be having foot surgery on January 26 and I will be out of the classroom for 6-8 weeks. Administration is searching for a certified teacher to take my place during that time. I will let you know who the substitute is through Remind. I plan on having weekly communication with the substitute to make the transition as smooth as possible. I will still check my e-mails and Remind messages daily. So feel free to contact me if you have a question.

In an attempt to stay connected to your child and stay up to date on their reading progress I would like to meet with your child through a ZOOM meeting once a week. The meeting will only take 15 minutes as I listen to them read a story and work on foundational skills at their reading level. I will send out the Zoom link and schedule later in the month. Meetings will take place between 4-7pm at your convenience. If there is a specific day/time that does or doesn't work for your child please let me know.



REMINDERS

1/9/23 i-Ready January benchmark for reading and math

1/16/23 No School—MLK Day

1/26 Substitute in classroom until March



ELA/Skills/Spelling/Writing

- Reading and writing about Bugs and their Ecosystems. We started our research last month. We have four more research questions to do. The kids are doing a fantastic job writing their reports and drawing their diagrams. Students selected their own bugs.
- Reading and listening comprehension of fictional and non fiction books.
- Weekly spelling test
- Skills: prefix, suffix, nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives.



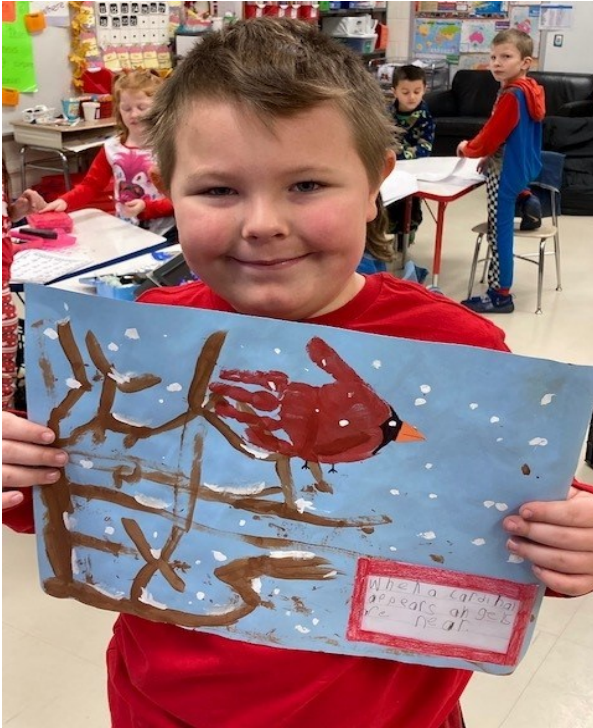
Math

- Add and subtract within 1,000
- Sums and differences to 100.
- Fluently adding to sums of 10 and 20.
- Place values (1, 10, 100)
- Comparing numbers to 1,000 ($>$, $<$, $=$)
- Counting patterns to 1,000 (5's, 10's, 100's)
- Standard form, expanded form and written form of numbers
- Word Problems to 1000
- Number order

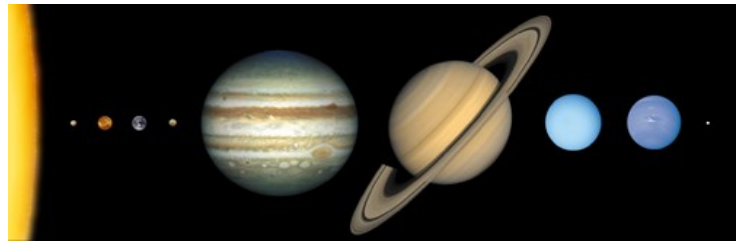
Science

Animal Adventures

- Biodiversity
- Classification
- Habitats and species
- Engineering habitats



Social Studies



We did an extension activity in Social Studies last month. Since we were talking about communities, we decided to expand our community to the whole world. So we looked at all the continents of the world and eventually we discussed our planet Earth. Students loved working on their planet posters. They turned out awesome.

