

#### Classroom News for the Week April 8, 2024

# Reading Update-Beginning Module 3-Civil Rights Heroes!

This week we are beginning Wit and Wisdom, module 3 which is called <u>Civil Rights Heroes</u>. During this module, we will be reading a variety of books that share stories of people that were civil rights heroes in the 1960's. Along with our reading, we will be learning new grammar concepts as well as applying our learning to our writing projects. Look for more module 3 updates every week in our newsletter.

Today, your student is bringing home their Scholastic News article which focused on an article called <u>The Sweet Story of Candyland</u>. They are also bringing home their Module 2 practice book along with many other completed work sample pages focusing on The American West! Enjoy the samples and ask your student what was their favorite book they read during our module 2 learning time.

#### Scholastic News-Something BIG is Coming!

This week we will be reading another nonfiction, Scholastic News text called <u>Something</u> <u>BIG is Coming!</u> This article shares information about the solar eclipse that happened today, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will be learning what an eclipse is and how it can affect both people and animals. Have your student tell you about this solar eclipse information later in the week after we learn about it.

#### Fundations Word Study Program- Unit 8- R Controlled Syllable Words!

This week we are continuing unit 8 which helps us learn the 4<sup>th</sup> syllable type called the rcontrolled syllable. When a vowel is directly followed by the letter r, the r changes the sound of the vowel. For example, the word bark, the vowel a has neither the shore nor ethe long vowel sound. Keywords that help us remember are ar-bark-/ar/ or or-horn-/or/. Stay tuned next week for another Fundations word study update.

Fundation Core Words-spelling words r-controlled syllable words.

<u>Word group 1 -</u> Core words- mark charm shark start porch barnyard remark morning backyard sorting orbiting reporting exploring gardening

2<sup>nd</sup> grade- unit 8 trick words- world answer different

# Math Update-Begining Unit 6-Geometry!

This week we are continuing with our district adopted Bridges math program. This week we are beginning activities from <u>unit 6 which focuses on Geometry</u>. This week we will be learning how to find the area of a pattern block design using triangles, rhombuses, trapezoids and hexagons. We will be comparing the area of a design using these shapes. It should be a fun week as we learn about area! Stay tuned next week for more unit 6 updates

# I-Ready Testing-Next 2 Weeks!

Over the next two weeks our classroom will be participating in our last I-Ready reading and math testing sessions of the school year. I-Ready testing allows us to see how much growth students have made in both reading and math during the school year. This last test is very important and please make sure your student have good attendance the next two weeks in order to complete both tests. Thanks for your help!

#### **Observing Insects and Plants in our Classroom Habitat!**

Next week we are beginning our science kit which focuses on how insects and plants interact with each other. This week we will begin observing our mealworms in their habitat construction as we will be making habitats for them this week. We will also be planting brassica seeds to watch how a plant grows and changes in our classroom. During these observation times, we will be focusing on what these plants and insects need to stay alive in our classroom which is not their normal habitat. Throughout our learning, we will be noticing that they need food, space, air, water and light to survive. Stay tuned next week for more science information.



# Reminders!

 Students need to dress for the weather-rain/shine- we go out for recess!

Thanks and have a great week!