



Helping with a gift

Many times, during the holiday season, we are asked what can I get my child that might help him or her with school? There are many, many suggestions that we have for you!

1. Books, magazines, comics, cookbooks, etc. It is so very important that children read, read, and read in order to improve their reading skills. It doesn't always have to be a novel, but it can be a magazine subscription to an topic of her/her interest. It can also be a series of comic books, as they practice their skills reading them, too. It can be reading, understanding, and following instructions on building something. All of these suggestions help your child to practice their read-

ing skills and their fluency, which is the ease he/she reads with for comfort of reading.

2. All children, in all grades, have to learn more about how to have their math facts memorized. This can be either purchasing flash cards at the store or you can print them from online after a search of flash

cards. Practicing them for five minutes a day will be very fruitful for your child. Just some ideas for the upcoming season.

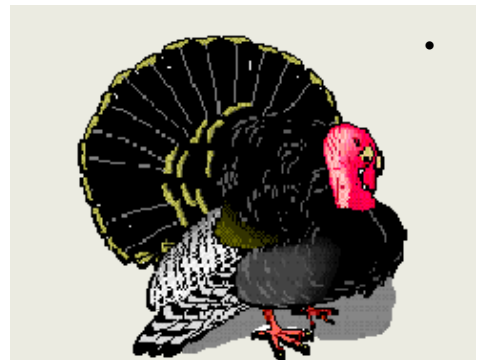


Southwick School Title I News for Grade 4

In fourth grade this month, the students have been doing wonderful. In math, they have been working very hard to master their math facts. We have now completed the 10's, 5's, 2's, 9's, 4's, and we are currently working on square numbers. While learning the facts, we are also working on word problems. The students are learning how to find important information in the question, draw a picture, and solve using multi-step processes. In reading, we have been working on plot and recognizing conflict and resolution. Next, the students will be learning about author's purpose and perspective by looking at some nonfiction stories. They continue to expand their knowledge of character traits, setting, and plot through their level readers.

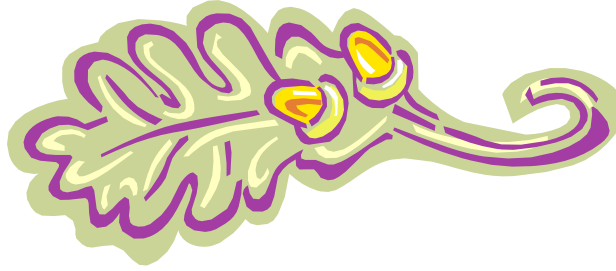
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Third Grade's Title Program at Southwick School

In reading, we began the month with a story about a police dog, Aero. The non-fiction text focused on human/animal communications. Continuing in the non-fiction genre, we will read about how animals communicate with each other using all of their senses. We will discuss main idea and supporting details. In grammar, we will continue our study of nouns and abbreviations. Near the end of the November, we will study communication of a different



Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action. W.J.Cameron

sort in the Chinese adaptation of the folk tale, *Stone Soup*. We are also learning how to use reference materials including dictionaries, encyclopedias and atlases. We also read and reread

to build our fluency and comprehension using expression and punctuation.

In math, we are working hard on telling time, especially focusing on lapsed and future time. After that we will venture into subtraction, having worked so well to master addition.

The students all work hard to master their math facts in Rocket Math, and build their skills with our daily math problems.

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Title I Math News from the Middle School

First, I would like to thank all of our Title 1 parents that came to parent / teacher conferences. We had a great turnout 77%! It is extremely important for parents and teachers to work together for the benefit of the children. "It takes a village".

Students in Mrs. Beliveau's class began the new quarter studying ratios and fractions. They have learned ratios measure "parts to parts" and fractions

"parts to whole".

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Mr. Meyer's class is continuing to work with greatest common factors.

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Interactive Webpages Recommended by Mrs. Gannett

Mrs. Suzan Gannett, WRSD Director of Curriculum, has researched some websites that are good for children and their parents in order to improve their skills. She has websites that can help in reading and in math. We are hoping that you might take a minute to check out some of

these websites to do with your child/ren. Some of the websites are interactive with your child, where your child is able to actively be involved with the learning process. Please check out these



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websites via Mrs. Gannett's webpage on the WRSD webpage: <http://www.wrsdsau59.org/Curriculum/Elementary%20Websites.htm>

Union Sanborn School's Kindergarten Plus Program

In math, we have been working on number sense by using cuisenaire rods and numberless playing cards. We are focusing on 1-10 and being able to identify sets of 10 in different formations as well as, being able to identify the actual digits. These skills are imperative to review with your child as they will need number recognition before we proceed past number 10. This month we celebrated the 50th day of school. We counted out 50 objects, can you believe it!

This month in reading, we spent some time working on blending and creating words with the letters we have learned thus far. We will continue to work on blending onsets and rimes. We will be developing sentences using all of our sight words. Blending is what will open up the door into reading. I highly recommend you practice at home with your child.

We have begun literacy centers. We have been working a lot with the ABC's, lowercase and upper-

case recognition, and ordering them from a-z. We have been recognizing sight words, and

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First and Second Grade Title I Program at Union Sanborn School

Can you believe it has already snowed? I am glad it is melting, but what a great excuse to stay inside and read! In first grade for November, the theme will be Turning Corners and the first story is Little Red Hen Gets Help. This is a different version

of the Little Red Hen story. Ask your child to tell you this story. We will also be learning words with the short vowel *e* and the digraph *th*. Our focus skills for the month

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls. ~Aesop

will be comparing and contrasting; how are things alike and how are they different and details in a story. In second grade, this month we will be

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Southwick School's Fifth Grade Title I Program

In 5th grade math, we are finishing unit 2, which covered multiplication. We began the unit with several ways of modeling what multiplication is. Our objective is to have students find success with multiplication with single and double digits, using the standard algorithm method.

In reading, we are finishing up our trade book "There's an Owl in the Shower" by Ruth Craig Head George. This is a story with a theme that covers the topic of ecology. We focused on theme, character motives and traits. The year is flying by. I look forward to seeing you at

parent teacher conferences. Thank you, and enjoy the time with your family this month at Thanksgiving.



Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!!!

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building simple CVC words.

During academic choice time, the students have been exploring the current letters that have been introduced, sight words and word building!

Words to practice: I, the, my, go, to, a

Letters and Sounds: M, N, P, S, R, T, C, A

Happy holiday to everyone!!!!



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We are all very excited about going on our class trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium the week before Thanksgiving. This will be the culmination of our fascinating study of our solar system.

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continuing with the theme of Doing Our Best by reading, The Great Ball Game. This story is a porquoi tale or folktale that explains why birds fly south for the winter. We will be learning about the r-controlled *ar* sound

and the long vowel sound; *oa*, *ow*. Second grade's focus skill will be plot and how it relates to the stories we read. Please continue to practice the words that come home on the word-rings in your child's bookbag and read with him or her nightly.

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Students are using the GCF to simplify fractions. They also continue to multiply and divide fractions.

Please be sure to check your child's planner for assignments. A lot of students continue to have missing assignments. We offer Title 1 homework help af-

ter school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Also, each morning before school the sixth grade teachers offer a classroom to all students to complete assignments. These are both great opportu-



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nities for students to stay current with class assignments. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 286-7143 ext. 430 or dmar-tinson@wrdsau59.org.