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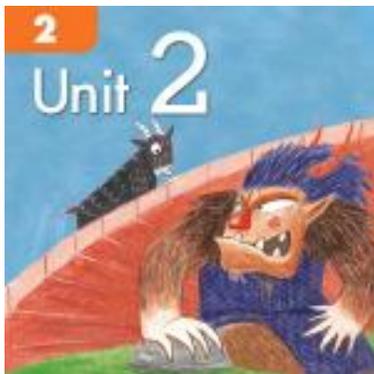
Waite Park
Community School
Room 104

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Ms. Monson's Classroom Newsletter

Reading

Understanding the text we read is our current focus in Readers Workshop. We continue to ask questions (who, what, when, where, why) to become more proficient at comprehending what we read. We also ask and answer questions to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and retell events in order.



We are really getting into the routine of annotating in our reading booklets. A particular favorite this Unit was two versions of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Ask your student about the stories and what they noticed when we studied these pieces. Read some of them together!

Writing

In Writers Workshop we continue to write in our daily journals. We try out new writing techniques. This month many students are motivated to write chapter books! We pay particular attention to punctuation and legible handwriting. We revise our writing by adding details and descriptions to make our stories interesting.

Math

We are solving two-digit addition and subtraction problems (with the unknown in various locations) by composing and decomposing numbers, jumping in groups of tens, and using landmark numbers. In order to do this, we discuss that there are many ways to solve these kinds of problems and we choose techniques that work efficiently. We are also studying place value, which includes writing numbers (542) and writing the expanded notation ($500 + 40 + 2$).

Social Studies

We are just beginning our study of "economics." In this unit, we will explore choices we make in terms of costs and benefits. We will learn about opportunity costs, as well as types of resources we use to make and distribute products. Finally, we will get a peek into the history of money.

Science

How does weather change over time? How does weather affect us? These are some essential questions we will ponder as we study weather. In this science unit we will learn about the Earth's atmosphere. Students explore the natural world by observing and monitoring change. So far, we have been keeping track of the weather each day on our weather calendars.



We have noticed several *overcast* days in November so far. Other vocabulary words we are focusing on are *describe*, *compare*, and *contrast*.

2nd Quarter Specialist Schedule

10:15-11:10

Monday

P.E. with Ms. Tollefson

Tuesday

Art with Ms. Hubert

Wednesday

Media with Ms. McEathron

Thursday

Music with Mr. Thomas

Friday

P.E. with Ms. Tollefson

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holiday / No School

November 22-24

Junior Achievement

This 5-week opportunity integrates with our economics unit. A Junior Achievement leader will facilitate weekly lessons on Tuesdays.